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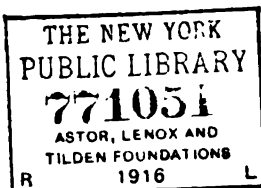
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NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, in Chambersburg, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the thirteenth and continued until noon of the twentieth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in the First or Zion's Reformed Church of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 13th, A.D. 1891, at 7:30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon, at the request of the retiring President, was preached by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, the Vice President, from St. John 12: 23-26—"And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called, and a quorum was ascertained to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers: Alfred F. Dreisbach, Oliver P. Scheffner,^c Aaron Wanner, D. D.,² and Jacob O. Moler, D. D.²

Elders: Charles A. Schultz, Adam D. Seitz, and William Strick.

II. From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers : J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Conrad Clever, D. D., George A. Snyder, Joel T. Rossiter, Andrew T. G. Apple, Barton R. Carnahan, Adam S. Weber,² Edmund R. Eschbach, D. D.,³ Ambrose M. Schmidt,³ Warren J. Johnson,⁵ and Louis F. Zinkhan.⁶

Elders : Jesse Dehoff, Christian M. Keedy, Frisby J. Davis,³ Ezra Williard,⁴ and Goldsborough S. Griffith.⁴

III. From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers : William C. Cremer, Sefellen E. Stofflet, John F. Mackley, M. D., William M. Deatrick, D. D., Franklin F. Bahner, and Jonas B. Shontz.

Elders : Samuel Hoefflich, Andrew R. Schnebly, Jacob Heyser, George R. Colliflower, Cyrus T. Keefer,³ and Henry Omwake.⁵

IV. From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers : Alpha K. Kline, Josiah May, John A. Hoffheins, D. D., John T. Balliet, and George G. Everhart.

Elders : Daniel S. Rentch, John H. Bauserman, and William A. Pence.⁴

V. From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers : Calvin B. Heller, Jacob C. Leonard,² and Joseph L. Murphy.²

VI. From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers : Thomas J. Barkley, Ambrose C. Geary, Benjamin F. Bausman, Joseph D. Peters, and Oliver F. Schaeffer.³

Elders : John P. Butt, Jacob A. Hartman,¹ W. Anderson Rafensberger,³ Isaac F. Brinkerhoff,^c and George W. Hartman.²⁻¹

VII. From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers : J. David Miller, Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,² Joseph W. Bell,² and Silas L. Messinger.³

Elders : George Hoobach, Peter D. Smith, Joseph Diehl,²⁻³ and Ephraim A. Shulenberg, D. D. S.

VIII. From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers : Samuel Z. Beam, D. D., R. Leighton Gerhart, John W. Pontius, Calvin U. Heilman, Lloyd E. Coblentz, and S. Charles Stover.³

Elders: William Koontz,¹ Samuel B. Isenberg,¹ William Neff,¹ Martin V. Boyer,¹ and John Brewster.⁴⁻¹

IX. From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate, who was not present at the opening of the Synod, took his seat.

The letters in their order indicate the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier occupied, during the first five sessions of Synod, the seat afterwards occupied by Rev. L. F. Zinkhan. Rev. E. R. Deatrick occupied the seat, during the first four sessions of Synod, occupied afterward by Rev. W. J. Johnson. Rev. C. Cort occupied the seat of Rev. F. F. Bahner during the sessions of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman was admitted to the seat of Rev. O. F. Schaeffer on Thursday morning, and occupied it to the close of the Synod. Rev. J. B. Stonesifer occupied the seat of Rev. S. C. Stover during the first two sessions of Synod.

Advisory Members Present.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, E. Ranson Deatrick, Calvin S. Slagle, Uriah H. Heilman, Silas M. Hench, Samuel L. Whitmore, and James R. Lewis.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. Cyrus Cort, Jeriah S. Shade, Zwingli A. Yearick, J. William Knappenberger, Jacob Hassler, George B. Russell, D. D., Tilghman R. Dietz, and George W. Aughinbaugh, D. D.

Virginia Classis.—Rev. Lewis Reiter.

Gettysburg Classis.—Revs. Prof. John C. Bowman, George P. Stem, and Elder Edgar Slagle, Treasurer of Synod.

Carlisle Classis.—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D.

Juniata Classis.—Revs. James B. Stonesifer, William C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Francis M. Line, and Albert S. Glessner.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Charles G. Fisher, D. D., Samuel G. Wagner, D. D., Adam C. Whitmer, Jairus P. Moore, Thomas M. Yundt, Milton H. Sangree, and Elders Daniel S. Keller, Esq., and Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. William Rupp, D. D., Simon S. Miller, David N. Dittmar, Peter C. Prugh, D. D., and J. Harvey Mickley.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the Officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year, namely :

Rev. C. U. Heilman, *President*, Alexandria, Pa.

Rev. J. B. Shontz, *Vice President*, Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Corresponding Secretary*, Keedysville, Md.

Rev. G. G. Everhart, *Reading Clerk*, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Elder Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first seven pews from the chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit : The morning sessions to open at 9 and close at 11:30 o'clock ; the afternoon sessions to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock ; and the evening sessions to commence at 7:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit :

Religious Services.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. B. Shontz, A. T. G. Apple, and Elders J. Heyser, and G. R. Colliflower.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. T. Balliet, O. P. Schellhamer, and Elders A. R. Schnebly, and P. D. Smith.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. A. Wanner, J. D. Peters, A. F. Dreisbach, and Elders W. Stuck, and I. F. Brinkerhoff.

Overtures.—Revs. B. F. Bausman, J. F. Mackley, J. May, and Elders C. M. Keedy, and J. P. Butt.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. L. Murphy, A. C. Geary, G. A. Snyder, and Elders J. Dehoff, and J. A. Hartman.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. A. H. Kremer, J. May, J. C. Leonard, and Elders W. A. Raffensberger, and G. W. Hartman.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, A. T. G. Apple, G. G. Everhart, and Elders J. H. Bauserman, and S. B. Isenberg.

Education.—Revs. C. Clever, R. L. Gerhart, L. E. Coblentz, and Elders S. B. Isenberg, and A. R. Schnebly.

Missions.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, F. F. Bahner, J. D. Miller, and Elders G. Hoobach, and D. S. Rentch.

Finance.—Revs. A. K. Kline, A. F. Dreisbach, S. E. Stofflet, and Elders C. A. Shultz, and S. Hoeflich.

Publication.—Revs. J. A. Hoftheins, B. R. Carnahan, E. R. Deatrick, and Elders C. T. Keefer, and J. Diehl.

Nominations.—Revs. J. W. Pontius, T. F. Hoffmeier, L. E. Coblentz, and Elders S. B. Isenberg, and W. Neff.

Orphans' Homes.—Revs. C. B. Heller, S. C. Stover, A. S. Weber, and Elders W. Koontz, and A. D. Seitz.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. S. Z. Beam, R. L. Gerhart, A. C. Geary, and Elders M. V. Boyer, and J. A. Hartman.

Invested Funds.—Elders G. N. Forney, C. A. Shultz, and H. M. Schmuck.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg; Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of

Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Superintendent of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and disposed of without reference. It will be found in its proper place.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit :

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely :

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments for services :

Zion's Reformed Church.

Wednesday Evening.—Liturgical services by Revs. A. T. G. Apple and L. E. Coblentz. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Pontius.

Thursday Evening.—Educational meeting, Rev. W. M. Deatruck to preside. First address—"The Education of our Girls," by W. J. Zacharias, Esq. Second address—"The Academy," by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

Friday Evening.—Sunday-school Anniversary, Elder G. S. Griffith to preside. First topic—"Better Methods, Better Workers, Better Results," to be discussed by Revs. J. S. Kieffer and R. L. Gerhart. Second topic—"The Relation and Duty of the Sunday-school to Neglected Children," to be discussed by Revs. C. U. Heilman and C. Clever.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Liturgical services by Revs. G. G. Everhart and S. S. Miller. Sermon by Rev. S. Z. Beam.

Saturday Evening.—Home Missionary Anniversary, Rev. E. R. Eschbach to preside. Addresses by Revs. A. C. Whitmer and T. J. Barkley.

Sunday Morning.—Services of Prayer and Praise at 10 o'clock, Elder F. S. Davis to preside. Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. Liturgical services by Revs. J. A. Hoffheins and T. F. Hoffmeier. Sermon by the President of Synod.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school Services. Addresses by Revs. A. M. Schmidt and E. R. Deatrick.

Sunday Evening.—Foreign Missionary Anniversary, Rev. J. D. Miller to preside. Addresses by Revs. S. N. Callender and J. P. Moore.

Other Churches.

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. C. Clever.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. H. Kremer.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. A. S. Weber.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. K. Kline.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. L. E. Coblentz.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. J. T. Rossiter.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. A. T. G. Apple.

FALLING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. C. Clever.

FIRST UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. C. Geary.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. B. R. Carnahan.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. T. J. Barkley.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CREMER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole and is as follows :

*Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.**To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee, to whom the Printed Minutes of Synod were referred for examination, after careful inspection of them, begs leave to report the following items, as in its judgment, claiming the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod ; of which committee Rev. U. H. Heilman is chairman.

Item 2, page 6. A Committee on Invested Funds is appointed to examine the investments of the Theological Professorship Fund Endowment, to act as an advisory committee in making said investments, to audit the securities, and report the results to the Synod ; of which committee Elder Henry M. Schmuck, of Hanover, Pa., is chairman.

Item 3, page 23. The following arrearages on the apportionments made at Mercersburg and at Mechanicsburg towards the debt of Mercersburg College are reported, to wit: Zion's Classis, \$205.49; Maryland Classis, \$155.00; Carlisle Classis, \$149.86; and Virginia Classis, \$140.00, making \$650.38.

Item 4, page 23. The several Classes are instructed to urge upon their charges and congregations the importance of prompt payment of their respective apportionments for Beneficiary Education, etc.

Item 5, page 25. A committee is appointed to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the Eastern Synod for the purpose of reaching an agreement by which this Synod may be admitted to such a share in the legal corporation, as well as secure to us, as a Synod, our rights in the Theological Seminary, located at Lancaster, Pa.; of which committee Rev. S. N. Callender is chairman, who is also appointed a commissioner to attend the meeting of the Eastern Synod, then being held in Reading, Pa., and lay the matter before that body.

Item 6, page 26. The officers of the Synod are instructed to furnish the Rev. John C. Bowman, professor-elect, with a formal call to the professorship to which he was chosen.

Item 7, page 26. The Trustees of Synod are constituted the proper authorities to arrange with him for his salary on specified conditions.

Item 8, page 26. A committee is appointed, of which Rev. C. U. Heilman is chairman and superintendent, to collect the necessary funds to cancel the indebtedness of Mercersburg College.

Item 9, page 28. The persons constituting the Theological Professorship Endowment Committee are appointed a committee to secure the remainder of funds needed to endow the Synodical Fellowship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 10, page 28. A committee is appointed to confer with like committees to be appointed by the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods on the project of erecting a Seminary building for the use of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; of which committee Rev. D. N. Dittmar was chairman.

Item 11, page 29. It will be necessary for the Synod to fill by election the vacancies that are about to take place in the Board of Education of those whose terms of office expire at this meeting of Synod.

Item 12, page 29. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose terms of service will terminate the present month.

Item 13, page 39. The cause of Home Missions is commended to the Classes, and they are requested to take such action as will further develop the activity and liberality of their membership, and they are also urged to cultivate regular systematic benevolence in supporting this arm of church work, etc.

Item 14, page 40. The Classes are requested to take certain action in reference to the cause of Foreign Missions, so as to bring the condition and needs of our work in Japan properly to the attention of our congregations, etc.

Item 15, page 41. It becomes the duty of Synod to elect a member of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the vacancy in said Board about to take place.

Item 16, page 44. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Church Building, Church Extension in Baltimore, Harbor Missions, Hungarian Missions, and Beneficiary Education.

Item 17, page 44. Assessments are made for Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary.

Item 18, page 45. Various arrearages are noted on apportionments and assessments for Contingent Fund, Mercersburg College, Theological Seminary, Church Extension in Baltimore, and Beneficial Education.

Item 19, page 45. Zion's, Carlisle and Maryland Classes are reported in arrears on their respective apportionments for Wichita College, with special instructions to those Classes.

Item 20, page 46. Certain action is taken in reference to the Treasurer of Synod, fixing amount of salary, bond to be given, etc.

Item 21, page 46. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees to fill the place of Rev. J. C. Bowman, whose term of office will end on the 1st of January next, agreeably to the charter.

Item 22, page 48. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of Synod.

Item 23, page 51. The Stated Clerk is directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 24, page 51. It will be necessary to fill the vacancy about to occur in the Retormed Church Publication Board, by the expiration of the term of service of Elder G. S. Griffith.

Item 25, page 53. Action is adopted commending the noble work of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Church, and calling the special attention of the several Classes to the claims of the Society, with the request that they instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday day before October in each Synodical year.

Item 26. It will be necessary to apportion five hundred dollars upon the several Classes, in order meet the pledge of the Synod, made four years ago, for Church Extension in Baltimore city.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of the Synod on Item 1, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 3, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 26, see Article XV., Finance; items 4, 13, 14 and 25 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classis. to ascertain the actions of the Classes on those items; on items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, see Article XIII, Education; items 11, 12, 15, 21, 22 and 24 were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the requisite nominations; and on item 23, see Article XX, Publication.

Report of Committee on Minutes of General Synod.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, to whom were referred the Minutes of the special meeting of the General Synod, held last June in Philadelphia, Pa., reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of the special meeting of the General Synod, held in Philadelphia last June, for examination, begs leave to report, that said Minutes have nothing in them which requires action on the part of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WANNER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands for examination, to wit :

Item 1. A communication from the Pittsburgh Synod giving its action in regard to the educational policy adopted by it, with a request that a committee be appointed by this Synod to confer with a committee of said Synod with reference to the same matter.

Item 2. A request from the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, that an alleged arrearage of \$104.86 on the apportionments for Harbor Missions, made in 1884 and 1887, upon this Synod be met.

Item 3. A request from the same Board that this Synod assume its portion of the eighteen hundred dollars, which are needed for missions among the Hungarians in the United States.

Item 4. A letter from the President of the Women's Missionary Society of Mercersburg Classis, asking for the approval by the Synod of their labors as an auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of the General Synod.

Item 5. A communication from the Juniata Classical Missionary Society setting forth certain action adopted by said society, requesting the Synod to organize a Women's Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 6. A request from female members of the Edenburg Reformed Church, Va., asking Synod's approval in the issuing of calls for delegates to form a Women's Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 7. Similar requests from the Reformed Churches of Carlisle, Pa., Woodstock, Va., Mechanicstown, Md., and the Third and St. Paul's Reformed Churches of Baltimore City.

Item 8. A statement of the officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church.

Item 9. A complaint to Synod against certain action, or non-action, of the Classis of Virginia by Rev. A. R. Thompson.

Item 10. A request, made a year ago, by two members of the San Francisco Classis to the Synod not to abandon missionary work in California, or disband said Classis.

Item 11. A letter from Rev. C. G. Fisher, D. D., in which he presents to the Synod copies of two books recently published by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, namely : "College Chapel Sermons by the late John W. Nevin, D. D., LL. D., edited by Henry M. Kieffer, D. D.," and "The Young Prophetess, A Tale of the Children's Crusade, by Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, A. M."

Item 12. A statement and certain action of the Board of Managers of St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa.

Item 13. The annual report of Bethany Orphans' Home at Womelsdorf, Pa.

Item 14. An overture from the Trustees of Catawba College, requesting the Synod to establish a Theological Department in said college.

Item 15. A communication from the President of the Y. M. C. Association of Chambersburg, extending to the Synod the use of its reading room and periodicals.

Item 16. A letter from Rev. John Gantenbein, on a visit to Switzerland, making statements of interest, and asking to be excused from attendance upon the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 17. An invitation from Rev. J. O. Miller to hold next year's sessions of Synod in Trinity Reformed Church of York, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. BAUSMAN, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1 and 14, see Article XIII, Education ; on items 2, 3, 10 and 16, see Article XIV, Missions ; on items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous ; on item 9, see Article XVII., Complaints ; the invitation in item 15 was accepted, and the thanks of Synod were returned to the association.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received,

disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows :

Report of Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained :

I. Irregularities.

1. Virginia Classis failed to furnish a full copy of its Minutes, as required by the Constitution, and on legal cap paper as ordered by the rules of Synod,

2. North Carolina Classis failed to use marginal notes on the pages of its minutes, as directed by the Synod.

II. Requests and Recommendations.

3. Zion's Classis requests the Synod to have an alleged discrepancy adjusted.

4. Gettysburg Classis asks to be exonerated from the payment of certain arrearages.

5. Juniata Classis requests the Synod to give it credit on its apportionment for the sum of \$200, paid to the Orbisonia charge or mission.

6. The same Classis requests the Synod to comply with the wish of the General Synod by transferring its missions to the care of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

III. Appeals and Complaints.

7. Rev. A. R. Thompson complains against the action of the Virginia Classis, to the Synod.

IV. Subjects Referred to the Classes.

8. Zion's, Mercersburg, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, and Portland-Oregon Classes took favorable action on all subjects referred to the Classes.

9. Maryland Classis did the same, except a small amount for Beneficiary Education and the Apportionment for Church Building.

10. Virginia Classis accepts the recommendations of Synod, except it asks the Synod to cancel its arrearage on apportionments for Mercersburg College.

11. The same Classis asks to be relieved of arrearages on apportionments for the Theological Seminary and Church Extension in Baltimore. It asks also to be relieved of all apportionments except for Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary and the assessments for the Synod's and General Synod's Contingent Funds.

12. North Carolina Classis accepts Synod's apportionment for Home Missions, and assumes to pay \$30 additional.

13. Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, and Portland-Oregon Classes severally adopted *The Reformed Church Hymnal*, sent down by the General Synod to the Classes for adoption or rejection. North Carolina Classis, for some cause or other, failed to take action on the matter.

V. Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

14. Zion's Classis erased the name of Rev. Ambrose D. Gring from its roll of ministers.

15. Maryland Classis licensed Francis M. Line and Thomas K. Cromer, and dismissed the former to the Juniata Classis, and the latter to the Virginia Classis; received Rev. George C. Erb from the Iowa Classis, Rev. George W. Snyder from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, Rev. Marion L. Firor from the Lincoln Classis, and Rev. James R. Lewis from the Tohickon Classis; and dismissed Rev. David A. Souders to the Westmoreland Classis.

16. Virginia Classis received licentiate Thomas K. Cromer from the Maryland Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry; received Rev. Lewis Reiter from the North Carolina Classis; and dismissed Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D., to the Carlisle Classis, and Rev. Addison C. Snyder to the Somerset Classis.

17. North Carolina Classis dismissed Rev. Lewis Reiter to the Virginia Classis.

18. Gettysburg Classis received the licentiate George P. Stem from the Lehigh Classis, and ordained him to the work of the Christian Ministry; received Rev. George B. Resser from the Lebanon Classis; and dismissed Rev. David N. Dittmar to the Westmoreland Classis, and the licentiate Stanley L. Krebs to the Schuylkill Classis.

19. Carlisle Classis received the licentiate Joseph W. Bell from the Philadelphia Classis and ordained him to the work of the Holy Ministry; and received Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D., from the Virginia Classis.

20. Juniata Classis received the licentiate Francis M. Line from the Maryland Classis, and the licentiate Albert S. Glessner from the Somerset Classis and ordained them to the work of the Christian Ministry; received Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., from the Lebanon Classis; and dismissed Revs. Cyrus J. Musser and Samuel C. Long to the Allegheny Classis, Rev. Joel W. Alspach to the Illinois Classis, Rev. Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher to the Wyoming Classis, and Rev. Robert O'Boyle to the Schuylkill Classis.

21. Portland-Oregon Classis enrolled Rev. Charles Hartman, and dismissed him to the Zion's Classis of the Synod of the Northwest; received Rev. Jacob G. Schmid from the Sheboygan Classis, and Rev. John G. Biegert from the Evangelical Synod of the West; and dismissed Rev. H. A. Schwichtenberg to the Lutheran Synod of California.

17. Places and Times of the Next Annual Meetings of Classes.

22. Zion's Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of New Freedom, York county, Pa., May 10th, A. D. 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. H. A. Bomberger, *President*; Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

23. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Mt. Pleasant, Frederick county, Md., May 5th, A. D. 1892, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. C. S. Slagle, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. U. H. Heilman, *Treasurer*.

24. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pa., May 12th, A. D. 1892, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. Z. A. Yearick, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

25. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Kearneysville, Jefferson county, W. Va., May 19th, A. D. 1892, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. H. Shuford, *President*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

26. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Hedrick's Grove, Davidson county, N. C., April 28th, A. D. 1892, at 10 o'clock A. M. Rev. J. L. Murphy, *President*; Rev. G. W. Welker, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

27. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of East Berlin, Adams county, Pa., May 18th, A. D. 1892, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. B. F. Bausman, *President*; and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

28. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pa., June 9th, A. D. 1892, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. L. Messinger, *President*; and Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

29. Juniata Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church of Altoona, Blair county, Pa., June 8th, A. D. 1892, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. C. U. Heilman, *President*; Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

30. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Portland, Oregon, June 9th, A. D. 1892, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. Muellhaupt, *President*; Rev. J. G. Schmid, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder J. A. Fischer, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY, *Chairman*.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted, and the attention of those Classes was called to the matter. For the action of Synod on items 3, 4, 10 and 11, see Article XV, Finance; the request in item 5 was refused; on Item 6, see Article XIV, Missions; on item 7, see Article XVII, Complaints; items 8, 9 and 12 to 30, inclusive, were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KREMER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Tuesday morning, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report on the State of Religion and Statistics.

SECRETARY : Your Committee on the State
present the following report :
The reports of the several Classes, adopted
at the meetings. From these reports your committee
present the following for adoption by this Reverend

At Christ there are always two things to be con-
sidered, the internal growth and the external evidence
of the spirit and word of Christ, and by the
means instituted for the advancement of the
Church. Both of these depend largely upon the physical and
moral health, and consequently the efficiency of the ministry.
It is therefore, great pleasure to report that, in the good
pleasure of God, the health of the ministers of this Synod has
been generally good during the past year. No serious affliction has
prevented regular attendance upon the
discharge of his sacred office. The public services of the Sanctuary,
visitation, the catechization of the young, ministering to
the sick, and the comforting of the sorrowing have claimed the
consideration of the ministers in all the charges of the dif-
ferent Classes, except those in which, unfortunately, there are no
members to break unto the people the Bread of Life.

The word of God has been regularly and zealously preached to
apprehensive congregations. The children of believing parents
have been ingrafted into the Covenant of Grace by Holy Baptism.
Your committee note with special pleasure the fact that all the
Classes report large numbers of children, and a respectable number
of adults, baptized into Christ during the past year. From this fact
it is evident that the people of the several charges cherish a true
regard for, and a reverential trust in this initiatory sacrament of
the Christian Church, and have in the blessings it secures for their
offspring.

The Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ has been
administered, according to the order of the Church, in all the
charges. A larger number than usual have renewed their vows
before God and men, and have been nourished with the bread
that cometh down from Heaven.

The Sunday school cause, throughout our bounds, has received

more than ordinary attention. The children and youth, gathered into these schools of the Church, are instructed in the truths of the Divine Word by earnest and efficient teachers. The Catechetical classes in the congregations are largely drawn from the Sunday-schools; and we are glad to report that a sound, healthy interest, in this cause, prevails throughout this Synod. But its work should be more fully supported by parental instruction in the family. To this end the pastors should be diligent in urging the claims of family religion, and the right instruction of the children by the parents in their homes, where the first and most enduring impressions are made.

The evidences of growth, furnished by the reports, are numerous. Large numbers have been received into the Church by the rite of Confirmation. Many young people, and a goodly number whose years had carried them beyond the period of youth, have identified themselves publicly with the people of God.

The benevolent contributions of our people have been liberal. In this respect our people are growing into a fuller understanding of the Master's word, that it is "more blessed to give than receive."

Your committee note also that in almost all the Classes the building and repairing of churches and parsonages, have the attention of many congregations. A number of new churches have been built; others are in process of erection; others are being remodeled and renovated; and suitable homes for the pastors are receiving increased consideration at the hands of our people.

With all these evidences of temporal and spiritual prosperity before us, we, as a Synod, have abundant reason to rejoice and be glad. We should be encouraged in the work the Lord has given us to do. In fulfilment of His promises He has been with us in the fullness of His grace and power. And though there are conditions that are not bright—worldliness, negligence, disregard of the higher interests of the soul—we must not forget that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net cast into the sea, which gathers in both the good and the bad, and like the leaven, which works in its own mysterious way until the whole is leavened.

Our rejoicing in being permitted to come together in this annual meeting, and mingle together in the services and business of the Church is saddened by the fact that Mercersburg Classis reports the

death of two of her active ministers—the Rev. Simon Wolf and the Rev. P. Allison Long. These brethren, after long years of service in the Church, were called home to their eternal reward. The Classis, to which they belonged, honored their memories by appropriate memorial services. The Synod now lays its loving tribute of brotherly respect upon their graves by incorporating their names in this report.

And now may God grant us, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge,—that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman*.

For the Statistical Tables, see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIII

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its annual report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday afternoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows :

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Board of Education begs leave, through its Treasurer, to submit the following annual report for the Synodical year just ended.

At the close of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Hanover, the members of the Board then in attendance being a quorum or majority, convened and effected an organization for the year by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, to wit : Rev. Wm. C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. J. David Miller as *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick as *Treasurer*.

The Board is happy in being able to report the past year as a prosperous one, under the favor of our kind Heavenly Father, and

that the good work of the Board has gone forward with a measurable degree of success. The young men under the care of the Board have made commendable progress in their studies. Two of the beneficiaries under our care, namely, Thomas K. Cromer and Francis M. Line, completed the full course of training for the holy ministry, graduating from Franklin and Marshall College in 1888, and from the Theological Seminary, located at the same place, last May. Both were examined and licensed by the Maryland Classis, and subsequently ordained to the work of the ministry by the Virginia and Juniata Classes, respectively, within whose bounds they are now laboring. Three young men have been taken under our care during the year, to wit: Moses A. Kieffer, Nevin L. Weidner and Ezra D. Lantz, having been examined and recommended as students for the Christian Ministry by the Mercersburg, Gettysburg and Maryland Classes, respectively.

During the past Synodical year, your Board has aided thirty-two young men with funds, in their preparation for the holy ministry, furnished by the Juniata, Maryland, Virginia, Mercersburg, Zion's, Carlisle and Gettysburg Classes, as the Treasurer's Report will show. The receipts last year, not including the balance then in the treasury, amounted to \$3,880.19, being two hundred and fifty dollars and thirteen cents more than the previous year. Your attention is respectfully called to the low state of the treasury, the amount of funds on hand being scarcely one-fourth enough to make the first payment to the beneficiaries, who have as yet received nothing on the amounts promised them by their Classes for the current scholastic year. The Classes ought to remember, that to promise and apportion funds is not sufficient to meet the demands of the case. Apportionments must be all promptly and punctually paid up, when they amount to no more than what has been promised by the Classes to their beneficiary students, else there must inevitably be a deficit and consequent embarrassment.

The young men, at present, under the Board's care are Atvill Conner, *Jun.*; Daniel G. Hetrick, and E. William Stonebraker, *Seminary Seniors*; J. Philip Harner, Lewis T. Lampe, Homer S. May, and Paul M. Spangler, *Seminary Middlers*; Jacob S. Garrison, George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spesard, and Louis C. Summer, *Seminary Juniors*; J. Calvin Bolger, Ira L. Bryner, and Lewis P. Krome, *College Seniors*; William E.

death of two of his
 Rev. P. Allison
 in the Church,
 Classis, to which
 appropriate memorial
 of brotherly respect
 in this report.

And now we acknowledge the receipt
 of brotherly respect, since our last
 glory, to be at the meeting dates of payment into the
 that Christ was now where there have been two or
 and grounded according funds from Sunday-schools
 what is the balance have been given, so as to give the sum
 of Christ charge respectively, except in the case
 the fullness of the Schellburg Classes, where the sources of re-

Wagner, William G.
 Charles E. Bushong,
 Albert F. Nace, College
 A. Kieffer, F. J. Emil
 and Nevin L. Weidner

FOR THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Junata Classis.

First Church of Altoona, \$86.63;
 Martinsburg charge, \$70; Huntingdon
 charge, \$59.68; Friend's Cove charge,
 charge, \$45; Yellow Creek charge, \$43.66;
 charge, \$30; Second Church of Altoona, \$30;
 charge, \$30; Schellburg charge, \$23.11; Clear Ridge
 charge, \$112.74; refunded by Ray-
 charge, \$350. Making \$976.29.

Maryland Classis.

Middletown Church, \$79.45;
 charge, \$69.64; Taneytown charge, \$61; First
 Baltimore, \$59; Third Church of Baltimore, \$58;
 Church of Baltimore, \$56; First Church of Hagerstown;
 Manchester charge, \$50; Clear Spring charge, \$36;
 charge, \$34; Manor charge, \$31; Christ Church charge
 charge, \$31; Westminster charge, \$29.54; Silver Run
 charge, \$25; Mount Moriah charge, \$22; Washington Mission,
 Wyeolberry Mission, \$20.83; Christ Church Mission of Balti-
 \$17.15; Burkittsville charge, \$17; Mount Pleasant charge,
 Glade charge, \$12.50; Faith Mission of Baltimore, \$9;

Sabillasville charge, \$8; Fairview Church, \$7.40. Making \$936.52.

Virginia Classis.

Per Treasurer of Classes, \$500; Middlebrook charge, \$16. Making \$516.

Zion's Classis.

First Church of York, \$164.51; Paradise charge, \$102.14; Trinity charge, \$81.25; Shrewsbury charge, \$68.35; Heidelberg Church of York, \$48; Grace Church of York, \$8.40; Dillsburg charge, \$7.01. Making \$479.66.

Mercersburg Classis.

First Church of Chambersburg, \$95; Mercersburg charge, \$80; Waynesboro charge, \$70; St. Thomas charge, \$62.36; Grindstone-hill charge, \$32.50; Second Church of Chambersburg, \$30; Ship-pensburg, Church, \$25; Mont Alto Church, \$19.86; St. Paul's charge of Waynesboro, \$17; Middleburg Church, \$9.75; Little Cove Church, \$5.13; McConnellsburg charge, \$5; Loudon charge, \$5; interest of Stoudenour legacy, \$12. Making \$468.60.

Carlisle Classis.

Mechanicsburg charge, \$87.78; New Bloomfield charge, \$68.82; Carlisle Church, \$56.64; Zion's charge, \$44.08; Duncannon charge, \$35.32; Newburg Church, \$30.49; Carlisle Springs charge, \$9.99. Making \$333.12.

Gettysburg Classis.

Per Treasurer of Classis, \$150.00; First Church of Hanover, \$20.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury at last report, Oct. 11, 1890.....	\$170.00
Received from Juniata Classis	976.29
" " Maryland Classis.....	932.52
" " Virginia Classis	516.00
" " Zion's Classis	479.66
" " Mercersburg Classis.....	468.60
" " Carlisle Classis.....	333.12
" " Gettysburg Classis	170.00
Total Receipts	\$4,050.19

.....	\$975.00
.....	850.00
.....	550.00
.....	479.66
.....	444.08
.....	325.00
.....	175.00
.....	3.45
.....	3,802.19
.....	248.00

\$ 4,050.19

... we have compared and carefully
 ... M. Deatrick, D. D., Treasurer
 ... the Synod of the Potomac, by
 ... correct. The foregoing synopsis
 ... together with the summaries of receipts
 ... statement of the same. We accord-
 ... Treasury to be \$248.00.

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH.

J. WM. KNAPPENBERGER.

Report of Regents of Mercersburg College.

Regents of Mercersburg College presented their
 ... Synod during the session of Saturday fore-
 ... received and then referred to the Standing Com-
 ... The report is as follows:

Report of the Potomac:

Regents of Mercersburg College beg leave to
 ... Synod for consideration the following annual report:
 ... the annual meeting last June, at Mercersburg,
 ... the re-election of the undersigned as *President*, the
 ... as Rev. E. F. Hoffmeier as *Secretary*, and the re-election
 ... as *Treasurer*.
 ... the past year, the teaching, management and general
 ... of the College have been like the preceding years. The
 ... of students varied somewhat, but not enough to need
 ... Since our last report some little of the indebted-
 ... has been paid, but counting interest the debt still remains

near five thousand dollars. The funds raised under the project of the last meeting of Synod for cancelling the whole indebtedness have not been sufficiently paid in to be used, only a small portion having come in longer than a few days ago. It is hoped and believed that in a short time a considerable part of the present debt can be wiped out.

Some necessary repairs have been made to the buildings and paid for, but still further repairs are absolutely necessary. In the Seminary Building one or two rooms, in addition to those mentioned in last year's report, have been put in thorough repair by friends of the college, and together with those previously put in like condition, make a very favorable impression upon visitors, but presenting a marked contrast to the other rooms. It is to be hoped, that this good work will go on, and that others—individuals, societies, or congregations—can be found to repair in like manner all the other parts of the building.

Insurance against fire for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the term of five years, on the different buildings has been effected, which will expire December 14th, 1895.

During the year, the Board has received from the Synod on its pledges for debt and interest on debt, the sum of \$372.12, leaving still due and unpaid \$418.01. Some of the Classes have paid promptly and in full, but others have failed almost utterly in paying their apportionments. For eleven years the Board has struggled with the debts of the college, and can now report them as reduced to about one-third of what they were in October, 1880, when the Synod met at Woodstock, Va., and now light seems to be breaking through this darkness, and with it come other questions, which we deem of greater moment to education, to our college, and to our Church, than the payment of the debt.

After much deliberation, the Board respectfully submits to the the Synod some projects, or plans, in reference to the future of the college; and asks your reverend body to approve or modify, or take such other course as your wisdom may deem best.

First. We recommend the total cancellation of the debt.

Second. The speedy provision of means to do positive work in the college as an institution of learning. It is well known that a seminary, academy, or college cannot exist and do its proper work on the profits or moneys it may take in for tuition,

... always relied upon to help defray ... particularly to secure the prompt ... force. Therefore we ask the ... of the payment of the debt, and to pro- ... of thirty thousand dollars. With ... warranted in undertaking and ... of our youth, for entrance to ... or other colleges, in the Freshman, Sopho- ... and for those not inclined, or shut out from ... a sufficient education for the many lines ... of the professions. The Board has ... conducting the college in this line of edu- ... of this Synod, that it decide if this line is ... and if not, then to define the province ... Board to work.

... for ladies, whenever such should not coincide ... of the other sex, should also be carefully and ... and provided. All of which is respectfully ... earnest and careful consideration, in behalf of ... Regents of Mercersburg College, October 19, 1891.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

of the Theological Seminary of the Potomac:

RESPECTFULLY: The undersigned respectfully presents to your ... the following as the annual report of the Board of ... of the Theological Seminary, for the year 1890-91.

At the opening of the Seminary, in September, 1890, the fol-
lowing persons were admitted to the Junior Class, twenty-three
in all: Charles C. Clark, Lawrence S. Foust, David H. Fouse,
Edward L. Greenawald, Bruce Griffith, J. Philip Harner, David
Newton Jones, David W. Kerr, Lewis T. Lampe, William H. Lan-
don, George E. Lambert, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer Skyles
May, Eugene L. McLean, Benjamin M. Meyer, John N. Naly,
Robert Noy, James M. Runkle, Alfred M. Schaffner, William C.
Nelson, W. H. Werner, Samuel H. Ditzel, and George A. Drei-
biller.

The Middle Class consisted of the fifteen students, without any changes, who were admitted into the Seminary as Juniors one year ago. Their names appear in last year's report.

All the students, with the exception of three, had enjoyed the benefit of a full collegiate training. Several were unavoidably absent during a part of the time, which was a matter of regret to their teachers, no less than to themselves; and one withdrew altogether for the present to fill an important position, in the Church as a teacher.

The members of the Senior Class, having completed the prescribed course of study, and, having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were regularly dismissed at the end of the Seminary year, and awarded the usual testimonial at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Thomas K. Cromer, Albert Suder Glessner, Francis Marion Line, William J. Muir, Henry D. Patton, David Scheirer, Jr., Henry E. Snyder and George P. Stem, eight in number.

Thus there were forty-six students connected with the Seminary during the last year, and the largest number as yet in attendance at any time during the previous history of the institution, which goes to show that the Lord is providing the Church with an encouraging supply of ministers of the Gospel, to break unto the people the bread of life in proportion as their wants and necessities increase. It is further gratifying to know that at the opening of the Seminary a few weeks ago, the names of nearly sixty students were on the roll.

The instruction in elocution has been satisfactory, and it is believed highly beneficial to the students. The Board, therefore, are of the opinion that the present arrangement should be continued for another year, or until a more permanent one can be made for both the College and the Seminary to take its place. In that event the Synod of the Potomac is requested to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary \$75.00, the same as last year, as its part, to meet the necessary expenses of the coming year.

It gives us pleasure to be able to report that our supervision of the Seminary as a Board has been satisfactory. The professors have sought to discharge their duties in a faithful manner. The conduct of the students and their diligence in the prosecu-

Schaeffer and Revs. D. N. Dittmar, J. A. Hoffheins and C. J. Musser was introduced to the Board and requested to give their views in regard to the matter under consideration.

After a free interchange of views between the Committee and the Board, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the sense of the Board of Trustees is, that a Seminary building should be erected as soon as the necessary funds can be raised in accordance with the action of Synod.

On motion, a recess was taken for the purpose of viewing the grounds around the College building by the members of the Board and the Committee, in view of selecting a proper location.

After recess, the board again met and Judge Wm. J. Baer offered the following resolutions which were adopted :

1st. That in the opinion of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, the lot of ground in front of the College building owned by ——— is the most desirable plot for the erection of a Seminary building.

2nd. That in the opinion of the Board, the joint Committee of the Synods, should if possible, procure an option for the same, for as long a time, and at as low a price as can be agreed upon.

Adjourned,

G. Z. KUNKEL, *Secretary*.

The *Second* meeting was held on the 12th of May last, in the College building at Lancaster. Members present, G. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, Geo. G. Heilman, P. C. Weist, Geo. N. Forney, Geo. L. Freet and Chas. Santee.

Prayer by Thos. G. Apple, D. D.

Chas. Santee acted as Secretary *pro tem*.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A. G. Renninger, H. J. Seibert and D. W. Gross were excused, also Geo. Z. Kunkel for lateness.

On motion, D. W. Gross was elected President, Geo. W. Hensel, Vice President, John B. Roth, Treasurer, and Geo. Z. Kunkel, Secretary for the ensuing year.

Executive Committee continued, namely the officers of the Board and John D. Skiles in addition.

Adjourned,

CHAS. SANTEE, *Secretary, pro. tem.*

The *Third* meeting was held on the 24th of September last, at the residence of D. W. Gross, Harrisburg, Pa., at 2 o'clock P. M. Present, D. W. Gross, J. B. Roth, Geo. Z. Kunkel, Israel Laucks, H. J. Seibert, also letter received from J. D. Skiles approving the action of the Board.

Prayer by G. Z. Kunkel.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A. G. Renninger, Chas. Santee, Geo. L. Freet, Geo. W. Hensel, Geo. N. Forney and J. D. Skiles were excused for absence.

The Treasurer, J. B. Roth, presented his annual report, which was received, and read, and then audited by Messrs. Laucks and Seibert. who reported the same correct, with a balance in the Treasury of \$702.26.

The Treasurer also reported having received from Mrs. S. Israel Laucks, the sum of \$833.33, her portion of the legacy of \$2,500 dollars left by her father, W. A. Wilt, of York, Pa., to the Theological Seminary, and on motion the Secretary was directed to address a letter to Mrs. Laucks, thanking her for her kind remembrance in carrying out the intention of her father, in donating a legacy to the Seminary, and in accordance with her request the same shall be known as the "W. A. Wilt Fund."

Minutes read and approved. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Z. KUNKEL, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States:

1891.	DR.	
	For amount of Endowment Fund as per	
	account rendered Sept. 25th, 1890.....	\$ 78,296.90
	Received additional from Sept. 25th, 1890,	
	to Sept. 24th. 1891.....	511.00
	Received from Jacob Bausman, Treasurer	
	of Franklin and Marshall College, as	
	principal from the Wilhelm estate.....	3,644.75
		<u>\$82,452.65</u>
1891.	DR.	
Sept. 24.	For balance due and income received	
	from all sources for current expense	
	account of Seminary to date.....	\$ 6,344.56

1891.	CR.	
Sept. 24.	By sundry bills and salaries paid to Oct. 1, 1891.....	\$ 5,642.30
	Balance due Seminary.....	\$ 702.26
BUILDING FUND is.....		\$ 12,883.05
Interest received on same accounted for current expense account of Theological Seminary.		
PITTSBURGH PROF. FUND as per report of Treasurer to Sept. 1890		\$ 1,718.30
1891		
Sept. 24.	Received additional to date.....	969.00
	Interest on same included in current expense account of Theological Seminary Oct. 1, 1891.....	2,687.30
LIBRARY FUND OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IS.....		\$ 1,819.96
1891.	DR.	
Sept. 24.	For cash due and interests received to date	\$ 166.27
1891.	CR.	
Sept. 24.	By sundry bills paid to date.....	135.93
	Balance due Library Fund.....	\$ 30.34
" SMALTZ FUND IS.....		\$ 5,000.00
1891.	DR.	
Sept. 24.	For interest received on same to date.....	\$ 275.00
1891.	CR.	
Sept. 24.	By interest paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas.	275.00
1890.	" PRIZE ESSAY FUND in Church History as per report of treasurer to September, 1890	\$ 550.00
	Received additional to September 24, 1890	208.30
		\$ 758.30
Due said fund as interest to October 1, 1891, the sum of \$25.00.		
1891.	WILLIAM A. WILT FUND.	
June 26.	For amount received of Mrs. Imilda A. Laucks, of York, Pa., in accordance to the bequest of her father, William A. Wilt, deceased, and to be known as the Wm. A. Wilt Fund.....	\$ 833.33

JOHN B. ROTH, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed to audit the several accounts of the treasurer, report that we find them correct.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 24, 1891.

ISRAEL LAUCKS,

HENRY J. SEIBERT.

Report of Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows :

Your Committee on Education begs leave to report, that the following papers were referred to them and have been carefully considered, to wit: The Reports of the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., the Report of Synod's Board of Education, and the Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College. From these several reports it is evident that the educational work of the Synod has been vigorously prosecuted, and the results in the main have been satisfactory.

From the Report of the Board of Visitors, the Synod learns, that during the past year, there have been forty-six students in attendance upon the several classes; that the instruction in elocution has been continued and the Synod is requested to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary seventy five dollars, the same as last year, as its part to meet the necessary expenses during the coming year; that the professors have sought to discharge their duties in a faithful manner; that the conduct of the students and their diligence in the prosecution of their studies have been commendatory; and that Professor J. C. Bowman has been added to the teaching force of the Seminary.

From the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, the Synod learns that the Board has been considering the location of the proposed Seminary building, and that the Committee of this Synod was introduced to the Board and took part in the effort to secure a suitable plot of ground, that it was concluded by the Trustees and the committees of the Eastern and this Synod, that a Seminary building should be erected as soon as the necessary funds can be raised; that the Treasurer of the Seminary reports having received from Mrs. Israel Laucks eight hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, her portion of the legacy of \$2,500 left by her father, William A. Wilt, of York, Pa., to the Theological Seminary.

From the Report of the Board of Education, we learn that the past year was a prosperous one; that the young men under the

care of the Board made commendable progress in their studies ; that two of our beneficiaries have graduated from the Theological Seminary and are now in the active work of the ministry ; that the Board has aided thirty-two young men, during the past Synodical year ; that the receipts of the past year have been \$3,880.19, not including last year's balance, which is \$250.13 more than the previous year ; that the present state of the treasury requires immediate efforts to replenish it ; and that the Classes ought to remember that the apportionments should be all paid promptly and punctually in order to avoid embarrassment.

From the Report of the Board of Regents we learn, that the efforts to liquidate the indebtedness of the college has been partially successful ; that the apportionments made by the Synod towards the indebtedness have not been met ; that the Board of Regents requests the Synod to go forward in cancelling the debt ; that an endowment fund of \$30,000 be raised for carrying on the work of the college ; and that the Synod define the policy, which the Synod wishes the Board to pursue in the future management of the college.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following action as growing out of these reports, to wit :

Resolved, That the Synod expresses its thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the large number of young men in the Seminary, and for the efficiency displayed by students and professors.

Resolved, that the Classes be requested to urge upon the ministers to present the claims of the ministry upon the young men of the Church.

Resolved, That the seventy-five dollars asked of the Synod for the payment of a teacher in elocution be paid by the Treasurer of Synod out of the Contingent Fund.

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to urge upon their pastoral charges the payment of all monies promised by the Classes to their beneficiary students promptly.

Resolved, That the efforts to liquidate the indebtedness of Mercersburg College be continued during the coming year, and that the Classes be urged to meet all their apportionments for the purpose.

Resolved, That the raising of an endowment fund for Mercers-

burg College and the matter of its future policy be committed to the Special Committee to which the subject of the educational policy of the Synod has been referred.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *Chairman.*

Report of Professorship Endowment Committee.

The Synodical Professorship Endowment Committee presented the following report which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee having in charge the Endowment of the Theological Professorship and that also of the Synodical Fellowship, begs leave to report, that efforts were made during the year, to secure the payment of pledges to the Professorship Fund with the results given in the Treasurer's Reports, viz: the addition of \$1,094.75 from the Classes, together with \$728.84 from other sources, making an increase of \$1,823.59. There yet remain a number of unpaid pledges in several pastoral charges, which should be cancelled at an early day.

The movement to establish a Fellowship Fund, which was begun so hopefully one year ago has been held in abeyance by your Committee, mainly out of consideration for the claims of Mercersburg College, which in a special manner have been engaging the attention of the Synod. We take pleasure, however, in reporting that the promises made one year ago have been redeemed. The \$800.00 pledged by "a friend" has been paid, together with three \$100.00 pledges, as credited in the Treasurer's Report. This fund of \$1,100.00 has been invested at 5 per cent.

It is the purpose of your Committee to press forward this advance movement as soon as the way may be clearly opened.

Owing to the resignation of the Superintendent of the Endowment Committee, Rev. J. A. Hoffheins was chosen to fill the vacancy. Two members of the Committee, during the year, have changed their Synodical relations, and as yet their places have not been filled.

The expenses incurred by the Committee amounted to \$10.50, which has been paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Superintendent pro. tem.*

The appointment of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins as Superintendent of the Endowment Committee was, on motion, confirmed by the Synod.

All delinquent subscribers to the Professorship Fund were urged to make settlement during the present Synodical year, in order that the Endowment account in the hands of the Committee may be closed.

The Committee was instructed to present a summarized statement of the contributions to the Endowment Fund to the Synod, after all the collectable pledges have been paid.

The officers of the Synod, who were instructed to furnish the Rev. J. C. Bowman, Professor-elect to the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., with a formal call to said position, reported as follow, to wit :

The undersigned begs leave to report, that the officers of Synod, the President and Stated Clerk, made out a formal call to Professor-elect Rev. J. C. Bowman, as instructed, which he accepted. The officers of Synod, in connection with the President of the Board of Visitors and the officers of the Eastern Synod, inaugurated Rev. John C. Bowman as Professor of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., on the evening of May 12th, 1891.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed a year ago, as set forth in item 5 of Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and referred for consideration to the Special Committee raised under item 1 of Report on Overtures. The report is as follows, to wit :

Your Committee appointed by the Synod of the Potomac at its meeting in Hanover, Pa., in October, 1890, to confer with a similar Committee to be appointed by the Eastern Synod, to the end that arrangements might be made, if possible, by which the Synod of the Potomac might be invested with the legal right to elect directly the incumbent of the Chair of New Testament Exegesis, in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United

States, located at Lancaster, Pa., as also to secure to said Synod of the Potomac other alleged rights, begs leave to report.

That your Committee met a similar Committee, appointed by the Eastern Synod, in the city of Lebanon, Pa., September 10th, 1891, and organized the joint Committees by the election of Rev. S. N. Callender, Chairman, and Rev. E. N. Kremer, Secretary.

After a careful examination into the matter committed to its consideration, and a free interchange of views and opinions it was felt that the subject matter involved grave legal questions, touching the charter of the Seminary, etc., and it was deemed best to submit the legal questions involved to the careful consideration of D. S. Keller, esq., a member of the joint Committee who is learned in the law, and that an adjournment should be taken, subject to the call of the chairman. A second meeting, at the call of the chairman, was appointed to convene in Chambersburg on October 13, 1891. A quorum failed to attend this meeting. All that your Committee consequently is prepared for at this time is to report progress, and ask to be continued, or a new Committee to be raised for the further consideration and examination of the whole interest involved.

Your Committee would further beg leave to report, that it unofficially learned, that the Synod of Pittsburgh, at its meeting in Latrobe, Pa., in October, 1891, appointed a committee of conference, asking the Eastern and the Potomac Synods each to raise a similar Committee, to confer together for the purpose of unifying and consolidating the educational interests of the three Synods under one corporation—these educational interests to include both the Theological Seminary, and Franklin and Marshall College, located at Lancaster, Pa.

Your Committee would therefore beg your reverend body to further instruct it as to your will in the premises—to enlarge the scope of its powers—or take such action generally, as in your wisdom is deemed necessary or expedient in the case.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

The Committee appointed a year ago, as set forth in item 10 of Report on Minutes of Synod, submitted the following report,

which was received, and referred to the special Committee raised under item 1 of Report on Overtures. The Report is as follows, to wit :

Report of Committee on the Erection of Theological Seminary Building, at Lancaster, Pa.

BRETHREN : The Committee appointed by this Synod to secure funds for the erection of a suitable building for the use of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., met in connection with a similar committee appointed by the Eastern Synod a few weeks after the adjournment of the Synods.

The meeting was held in the college building. In looking over the lot belonging to the Seminary it was the unanimous judgment of the joint Committee that the site is not adapted for a Seminary building, it being very low ground at the south end of the campus, and the building erected on it would be obscured by other buildings already on the ground. This opinion of the Committee was communicated to the trustees of the Seminary, and a joint meeting with them was held for the purpose of having them consider the advisability of purchasing another and more suitable site then in the market. The trustees declined to make the purchase.

The joint Committee from the first was unanimously of the opinion that an earnest effort should be made, if possible, to find one or two persons who would give the amount required. With this in view they set to work, and report that, although they have not secured the money, they have laid the matter before persons who are giving it earnest consideration.

About the time when your Committee had settled down to work three members moved out of the bounds of their Synod and another became incapacitated through illness, leaving only one member from each Synod for active duty. This fact interfered very greatly with the work.

{ In view of the above stated facts and for the purpose of accomplishing the work of securing funds for the erection of the Seminary building, your Committee recommend the following action to your reverend body, viz :

1. That Synod directs the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, to purchase a suitable site for a building for the Seminary, in close proximity to the College buildings.

2. That the Committee, to secure the funds for said building, be so reconstructed that it consist of three ministers and two elders.

3. That this Committee, in conjunction with the Committees of the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods, be authorized to employ such means to secure funds as in their judgment may seem best.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee to raise funds to pay the Debt of Mercersburg College.

The Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod to collect funds to cancel the indebtedness of Mercersburg College, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee was continued. The report is as follows, namely :

Your Committee, appointed last year, to secure the money necessary to pay the debt of \$5,000 resting on Mercersburg College, begs leave to report, that a beginning has been made and a few congregations have been canvassed, and a few individuals have made pledges, so that the sum of \$2,162.10 have been secured in the form of pledges and cash, leaving for actual debt \$1,262.10. Nine hundred dollars of the above were given for the permanent use of the college as an endowment. As these claims were against the college we were glad to secure them, as our people who were called on for the debt, preferred to give their money for this purpose, than simply for the payment of the debt. Of the whole amount pledged and given, \$1,350.00 were pledged on condition of the payment of the entire debt.

The reason that the amount thus far realized is no larger is owing to the fact that only thirteen congregations of the more than three hundred belonging to the Synod have been canvassed. All that will be needed to make the movement a success is that the pastors will permit the members of the Committee from their respective Classes to hold conventions in their congregations and have an opportunity to present the cause to their people, and to secure the sums which they will cheerfully contribute toward this worthy object.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of the entire Committee,

C. U. HEILMAN, *Superintendent.*

On motion, the pastors of the Synod were earnestly requested to co-operate heartily with the Committee in its work.

Items 1 and 14 of the Report on Overtures were referred for consideration to a special Committee composed of Revs. C. Clever, R. L. Gerhart, T. J. Barkley, A. H. Kremer, A. F. Dreisbach, C. B. Heller, J. A. Hoffheins, C. Cort, and Elders S. B. Isenberg and J. Diehl. Items from the Report of Committee on Education were also referred to the same Committee. This Committee presented its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday evening, and was considered at length, and after having been amended, was adopted during the session of Tuesday morning, as follows, to wit:

Your Committee to whom was referred the overture of the Pittsburgh Synod and the report of the Committee on Conference in regard to the Theological Seminary appointed a year ago, also the request of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Catawba College, respecting the establishment of a theological department in that institution, and items from the report of the Committee on Education respecting Mercersburg College, etc., respectfully report the following for your consideration:

These documents involve the educational policy of the Church and necessitate a frank statement of the position which the Potomac Synod should occupy on this important subject in time to come.

We heartily concur in the main with the sentiments set forth in the overture of the Pittsburgh Synod with regard to the questions of joint ownership and control of our Theological Seminary and College at Lancaster.

The time has come when we should assume and assert those rights which have, in a large measure, been allowed to remain in abeyance since our formation as a separate district Synod. The most sacred traditions of the past and most vital interests of the present, apart from large pecuniary contributions given by members of the Potomac Synod, either directly or indirectly to our institutions at Lancaster, urge us to co-operate with our brethren of the Pittsburgh Synod in an earnest request to the mother Synod to recognize our legal and moral rights in the ownership and man-

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tary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and, then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several Reports are as follows:

Report of Bi-Synodic Board.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: We send to you the report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that of the Treasurer of said Board. We bespeak for these papers that careful consideration which you have ever been pleased to give to them.

Substantial progress has been made during the past year, to which the missions, fostered by your reverend body, have largely contributed.

The field of missionary activity is ever enlarging, and your Board may soon be called upon to extend its labors in directions which cannot be so well reached by any other body.

We trust that your action with regard to this sacred cause may call forth a liberal response from the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

*Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church
in the United States, for the Year Ending
October 1, 1891.*

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: During this missionary year the Executive Council has had three special meetings in addition to the quarterly meetings, and the full Board has had one meeting. We began the work of the year with many encouragements, and we close it with even more.

On October 1st, 1890, our roll numbered 36 missions. Of these Plymouth and Seattle have become self-supporting; and Dushore, Freeland and Nanticoke were lately withdrawn from the care of the Board by the Wyoming Classis. Astoria, Roanoke and Bal-

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Treasurer reports \$2,526.49 on hand ; but as orders for about \$4,000 have just been issued, there is in fact on hand a small deficit.

The Board desires to call the attention of the Synods to the necessity of our receiving the whole apportionment in order rightly to carry on the work. Again, while many of the Classes raise a large part of their apportionment for Missions, many seem to lay but little stress on the apportionment for church-building, perhaps under the mistaken notion that this last is not very important. We beg the Synods to emphasize the importance of paying both apportionments in full.

We began the year with eleven Church-building Funds on hand. It gives the Board great pleasure to report that five more have been received, namely, one from Elder John L. Riegel, of Riegelsville, Pa., one from the Women's Missionary Society of Philadelphia Classis, one from Miss Anna M. Knecht, of Freemansburg, Pa., one from Mrs. Anna Keely, of Spring City, Pa., and one of \$666 from Mrs. Imalda Laucks, of York, Pa.

It is proper to add that part of the Fund loaned to Faith Mission, Baltimore, has been repaid by Maryland Classis, and that Christ Mission, Baltimore, has already paid back \$300 of its Fund. A Tract on "Our Church-building Funds," giving many facts in regard to their meaning, history and helpfulness, has been published for free distribution among those who may be expected to establish such funds.

In addition to the support of our own missions, we this year again gave \$150 towards the support of one mission under the German Board of the East, and \$1,000 towards three missions under the care of the Board of the General Synod.

We regret to say that the efforts to raise one thousand "tens" this year found but feeble response, only one hundred and twenty-five having been reported ; and yet even this small result was felt in meeting the demands on the treasury.

Superintendent D. B. Shuey reports another busy year, with 25,000 miles travel. His field, the Synod of the Interior, is 850 miles from East to West, by 450 miles from North to South. Speaking of his work, he says: "When I remember that some weeks I was in bed only from two to four nights, and how very exhausted I sometimes felt, I realize the enormity of the work. I preached 153 sermons during the year, seldom more than one at a

place on the same day, often going one hundred to two hundred miles between sermons." Most of his work was in Kansas; but four trips were made to Illinois and three to Iowa. At Anna, Ill., he recovered our fine church and parsonage illegally held by the Congregationalists. At Stonington, Ill., he prepared the plans and specifications for a church, and directed its construction. He gave much time to the Holton charge. He preached for awhile at St. Joseph, Mo., and taught a class of catechumens in Emporia, Kan. His work has indeed been many-sided. While not much progress has been made in the Synod of the Interior, he adds, yet we have been steadily going forward, extending our work and building churches, while some other denominations have had to recede with loss.

The Board makes the following requests:—

(1) We respectfully ask the Synods to assume the following apportionments for the work of another year:

Eastern Synod.—For missions, \$13,000; for church-building, \$2,500.

Potomac Synod.—For missions, \$7,000; for church-building, \$1,500.

(2) We earnestly beg the Synods to endeavor to secure the full payment of their apportionments, the increased circulation of the *Missionary Guardian*, and a wide distribution of the Board's Tract on "Our Church-building Funds."

The yearly Report of the Board should be of great interest to every member of the Church, since every one should anxiously watch how the work is going forward and how God is answering the prayers of his people. We trust, therefore, that the consistories of our Churches will take pains to place this Report in the hands of their people, even to a greater extent than last year. As it can again be had for free distribution, let enough be secured for every charge. We want our people to know where their money is going and how the work is prospering.

We close this yearly Report with gratitude to God for His continued favor, and with gratitude to the Church also for her large measure of confidence and co-working.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER, *Superintendent of Missions.*

Statistical Church in the United States.

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Abilene, Kansas.	Kan.	22	2	\$1,700	\$ 563	\$5,000	0	4	\$500	\$300	\$450	\$350	\$350
Altoona, Pa.	Pa.	62	1	5,586	3,336	5,000	0	12	350	350	400	300	400
Astoria, Oregon.	Ore.	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	?	?	400	400
Ballard, Wash.	Wash.	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	400
Baltimore, Md.	Md.	00	1	900	0	2,000	0	14	700	100	300	800	400
Baltimore, Md.	Md.	00	1	200	200	2,000	0	8	600	200	300	600	600
Bangor, Pa.	Pa.	00	2	3,273	0	3,500	1	0	300	450	525	125	125
Burlington, N. C.	N. C.	00	?	0	0	0	1	300	200	150	300	200	200
Chambersburg, Pa.	Pa.	00	1	0	435	4,500	0	2	350	480	350	350	350
Concord, N. C.	N. C.	77	1	0	0	0	0	2	225	175	225	225	225
Duncannon, Pa.	Pa.	29	2	0	0	3,000	0	2	175	525	150	150	150
Dushore, Pa.	Pa.	75	?	3 275	375	0	0	1	150	335	325	0	0
Raston, Pa.	Pa.	29	1	1,500	200	4,500	1	1	150	500	525	125	125
Friesland, Pa.	Pa.	00	1	1,200	100	3,000	1	1	150	525	550	0	0
Imogene, Iowa.	Iowa	56	1	0	0	800	1	1	175	225	175	0	0
Iola, Kansas.	Kan.	42	1	0	0	900	1	4	400	280	200	400	400
Kansas City, Mo.	Mo.	00	1	6,600	90	3,200	1	4	700	150	150	700	700
Lancaster, Pa.	Pa.	20	1	1,120	43	3,000	0	1	300	225	275	225	225
Lehighton Iowa.	Iowa	50	1	0	1,000	0	2	125	300	350	100	100	100
Lisbon, Iowa.	Iowa	50	1	474	35	2,000	1	12	200	450	450	150	150
Liscomb, Iowa.	Iowa	25	1	0	0	1,200	3	160	340	330	170	170	170
Lock Haven, Pa.	Pa.	00	1	0	0	2,200	0	0	175	500	175	175	175
Maquoketa, Iowa.	Iowa	08	2	75	80	1,600	1	6	200	350	200	200	200
Manitoketa, Pa.	Pa.	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	0	0	0	0
Plymouth, Pa.	Pa.	00	1	0	0	2,000	0	200	350	480	0	800	800
Rosnoke, Va.	Va.	00	0	0	0	0	0	800	0	0	800	800	800
Salem, Oregon.	Ore.	50	1	450	0	1,200	1	0	100	200	200	100	100
Seattle, Wash.	Wash.	00	1	1,100	0	2,000	1	1	300	150	0	0	0
Sioux City, Iowa.	Iowa	00	1	0	400	5,000	0	3	1,000	150	0	0	0
Stafford, Oregon.	Ore.	28	1	0	0	0	1	0	120	185	200	100	100
Steelton, Pa.	Pa.	00	1	3,500	0	5,000	0	2	700	100	700	700	700
Timberville, Va.	Va.	45	2	0	0	0	1	6	100	250	250	100	100
Washington, D. C.	D. C.	00	1	0	0	3,000	0	6	800	300	300	800	800
West Union, Oregon.	Ore.	00	0	0	0	0	1	0	240	130	?	200	200
Wichita, Kansas.	Kan.	00	1	3,500	0	0	0	8	750	300	325	725	725
Williamsport, Pa.	Pa.	00	1	2,200	300	4,000	0	2	150	650	675	125	125
Winchester, Va.	Va.	00	2	300	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Woodberry, Md.	Md.	20	1	88.51	0	3,100	17	275	475	600	200	200	200
York, Pa.	Pa.	62	1	0	0	5,300	1	4	500	300	400	400	400

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

I beg leave to present my annual report of the finances of the Board during the year ending September 22, 1891.

The subjoined tables show the moneys received and payments made for Home Missions, Church Building, etc, during the year, viz :

SYNOD OF THE UNITED STATES.

Classis of Philadelphia,.....	\$ 285.32
" " Tohickon,.....	1077.56
" " Goshenhoppen,.....	943.85
" " E. Pennsylvania,.....	749.00
" " Lebanon,.....	1185.50
" " Schuylkill,.....	1366.43
" " Lancaster,.....	1099.56
" " E. Susquehanna,.....	525.82
" " W. Susquehanna,.....	914.75
" " Lehigh,.....	1517.26
" " Wyoming,.....	571.34
Total from Synod of the United States,.....	\$10236.39

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Classis of Maryland,.....	\$1096.22
" " Mercersburg,.....	786.44
" " Juniata,.....	969.70
" " Carlisle,.....	389.30
" " Zion,.....	453.18
" " Gettysburg,.....	770.00
" " Virginia,.....	85.00
" " North Carolina,.....	150.27
" " Portland, Oregon,.....	151.85
Total from Synod of the Potomac,.....	\$4851.96
	\$15088.35

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES

Received 12 months' interest on Gerhart legacy,.....	\$ 6.00
" Interest on loans, viz, from Mechanics' Bank, Harrisburg, Pa.,.....	37.50
" C. H. Hutchison,.....	114.00
" Mrs. C. A. Fremell,.....	115.50
" Of the Reformed Church of Abilene, Kansas,.....	135.00
" Of Jno. R. Hamilton,.....	60.00
" Of L. C. & L. Sidle,.....	150.00
" On account of Sioux City mortgage,.....	55.00
" Of Jno. L. & Sophia Grove,.....	120.00
" Spangler legacy dividend,.....	25.00
" Of Ladie's Aid Society of Kansas City,.....	60.00
" Collection of Synod of Reading,.....	29.49
" One-half do. of Synod of Interior,.....	17.64
" Of Missionary Society of Scottdale, Pa.,.....	10.00
" Of " " Leighton, Iowa,.....	20.00
" Legacy of Catharine Sweigert,.....	8.00
" Reformed Church, Lisbon, Iowa,.....	12.50
" Miss. H. J. Smith, St. Joseph, Mo.,.....	10.00
" Reformed Church, Iola, Kansas,.....	4.00

Received of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mission,.....	\$10.00
" " Woman's Mission Society, Magnoketa, Ia.,	13.62
" " Rev. W. K. Stearley, Cleveland, Ohio,.....	10.00
" " Philip Hoke, Elkllick, Pa.,.....	10.00
" " Mrs. C. Barnhart, Treas., etc.,.....	10.00
" " Imogene, Iowa Mission,.....	40.00
" " Sundry Contributors,.....	45.00
Total from Miscellaneous sources,.....	\$1128.25
Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 22, 1890,.....	4859.00
Total from all sources,.....	\$21075.60

Disbursements.

Paid orders of the Board during the year,.....	\$18549.11
Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 22, 1891,.....	2526.49
	\$21075.60

*Church Building and other Funds.***DR.**

Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 22, 1890,.....	\$248.31
Received for Church Building in Baltimore,.....	150.01
" " Sioux City, Iowa Mission.....	90.00
" " Steelton, Pa. ".....	200.00
" " Hazleton, Pa. ".....	15.00
" " Trinity, Altoona ".....	50.00
" " Grace Church, York, Pa.,.....	50.00
" " Braddock, Pa. Mission,.....	5.00
" " Grace Mission, Philadelphia,.....	15.00
	\$823.32

General Church Building.

Received from Philadelphia Classis,.....	\$ 30.00
" " Tohickon ".....	178.75
" " Goshenhoppen ".....	230.00
" " E. Penn'a. ".....	91.00
" " Lebanon ".....	102.00
" " Schuylkill ".....	225.00
" " Lancaster ".....	150.63
" " W. Susquehanna Classis,.....	119.00
" " Wyoming ".....	131.93
" " Maryland ".....	1.00
" " Carlisle ".....	54.44
" " Juniata ".....	151.82
" " Zions ".....	122.47
	\$1588.04

Received on Account of Loans.

From Christ Reformed Church, Baltimore,.....	\$300.00
" Faith Mission, ".....	296.00
	\$596.00
Received of Mrs. Israel Laucks, York, Pa., on account of the legacy left the Board by her father, William A. Wilt, dec'd,.....	666.67

Received for Church-Building Funds.

Received from Women's Miss. Society of Phila. Classis...	\$199.75
" " Tohickon Classical Church-Building Fund	236.76
" " Riegelsville " " "	500.00
" " Catharine Dietz " " "	500.00
" " Eliza C. Knecht " " "	500.00
	\$1936.51

Received on account of bond due Board, by Synod of United States :		
From Lancaster Classis,.....	\$ 2.65	
" W. Susquehanna Classis,.....	3.09	
" Lebanon ".....	9.00	\$14.74

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\$5625.28

Paid Out During the Year, viz :

To Hazleton, Pa. Mission,.....	\$ 15.00
" Sioux City, Iowa ".....	10.00
" Steelton, Pa. ".....	200.00
" Altoona, Pa. ".....	50.00
For Church Extension in Baltimore, Md.,.....	158.75
Grace Church, York, Pa.,.....	50.00
Grace Mission, Philadelphia,.....	15.00
Braddock Mission,.....	5.00
Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, D. D., for Church of Strangers, Phila.,..	526.50
" G. Graedel for the Ballard, Washington, Mission,.....	500.00
" Rev. M. L. Firor for the Sioux City, Iowa, ".....	450.00
Loan to Steelton Mission, secured by mortgage,.....	1000.00
Paid for entering mortgage,.....	2.50
Loan to Caroline A. Fremel, secured by judgment,.....	1000.00
Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 22, 1891,.....	1642.53
Respectfully submitted,	\$5625.28

WM. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned Auditors appointed to audit the account of Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have examined his account, compared the vouchers and find it correct, as stated, and a balance of \$2526.49 in General Fund and \$1642.53 in Church Building Fund.

JNO. J. NISSLEY,

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 22, 1891.

T. J. HACKER.

NOTE—In addition to the receipts acknowledged in the body of this report, the Treasurer acknowledges the receipt of \$500 from Mrs. Anna Keely, of Spring City, Pa., to constitute the "Joseph Keely Church Building Fund."

Report of the Secretary of the General Synod's Board of Foreign Missions.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., August 26, 1891.

To the Synod of Potomac.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN :—By order of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S., as its Secretary, I beg to submit to your most careful consideration and helpful action the following statement :

• It is with profound gratitude to God that I am able to say our Foreign Work is going prosperously forward ; souls are being con-

verted to Christ ; the work is being extended ; and God in his merciful Providence is beckoning us onward to enlarged operations and new conquests for His Kingdom. During the last year, however, our Missionaries report that, while the work has held its own, there has not been the same onward progress which signalized preceding years. At first the Japanese were carried away in their enthusiastic welcome to the Christian religion. It has since appeared that a large element in their enthusiasm was the thought that, as the Christian nations were the most advanced in civilization and material prosperity, they would welcome their religions as a means of secular and governmental aggrandizements. At the same time, their Buddhism had, in some measure, lost its hold upon the people, and its priests had grown indifferent. Now, however, the Japanese are perceiving that with the Missionaries, political and secular interests are altogether secondary to the salvation of souls, and the promotion of man's spiritual interests, and the establishment of Christ's Kingdom in their midst. Meanwhile, the Buddhist priests are bestirring themselves to the assertion of their old religion. Together with these causes, there was a widespread diversion of the people's minds from Christianity to political affairs, induced by the establishment of a constitutional government, and this was followed by a revival of the anti-foreign prejudice. All these causes combined led to an alienation of feeling from the missionaries and Christianity. Even some of the converts grew cold and arrogant towards the foreigners, and manifested a disposition to set them at naught. I mention these things to explain why there was an arrest, during the last year, of Christian progress. But with all this, Christianity was able to hold its own, if it did not materially advance. Now, however, a favorable turn has taken place. The former spirit of confidence in the missionaries is asserting itself, and the prospect of onward Christian progress is happily growing brighter. The kingdom of darkness has been fighting the truth, but the truth is getting the upper hand again.

Both our schools are prospering ; in the girl's school 31 out of 38 pupils have embraced Christianity, and we have as many scholars in each as we can well care for with our present small teaching force. The number has been ranging from 30 to 40 scholars in each school. The Seminary building will be completed and occupied in September.

In the home Church, however, for nearly a year past, there has

been a distressing apathy and want of co-operation with the Board. Only too many of our pastors seem to have no heart for Foreign Missions, and a great many of them, with their congregations, do not contribute a single cent. My observation and experience in visiting the churches, assure me that if the minister will earnestly present the cause, even when other calls are made upon them, the people will contribute—I know they will. When, therefore, a congregation gives nothing, whose fault is it? If even only one collection a year were taken in each congregation of the entire Church the Board would be furnished with means sufficient to go forward and add to our teaching force—a matter of great importance—for we are overworking our missionaries, and there is danger of their breaking down. The Board was induced by the shortage of receipts (indeed we have been running behind for more than a year, and we are in debt about \$10,000), to anticipate Bro. Moore's furlough by one year (he will be in this country the last of September), that he may visit among our Churches and arouse the missionary spirit again. The Mission begged the Board to send them a helper in his place, but it was out of our power to do so. Late letters show us that our remaining missionaries often feel discouraged and disheartened in consequence of the Church's continued neglect to furnish sufficient means to carry forward our encouraging work. By the action of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, we are enabled to send out Miss Mary C. Hollowell as an additional teacher in the girls' school, that Society furnishing the means. The Board could not do it. She will sail October 25, 1891, from Vancouver.

And now, Dear Brethren, let us beg you, in the name of Him who bled for heathen souls, as well as for ours, to take such effective action and steps as will save the Board the necessity of taking further backward steps. God is opening new doors and bidding us enter in, and we cannot, because the Church neglects to furnish the necessary means. Our own Church is the child of Foreign Missions. Men and means were sent here from the "Vaterland," and will we not do for others what our fathers did for us? God forbid that we should refuse.

May the Holy Spirit incline you to make a prompt response, and to render a constant systematic support to this blessed cause.

Your Brother in Christ. S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Read carefully the accompanying statistical report.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, JAPAN MISSION OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE U. S. A., MAY, 1891.

	Organized Churches.	Self-supporting Churches.	Preaching Stations.	Membership Last Year.	Dismissals.	Deaths.	Received from Other Sources.	Baptisms.	Present Membership.	Girl Schools.	Scholars.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars.	Theological Schools.	Scholars.	Native Ministers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible Women.	Contributions for all Purposes.
Nihon Bashi,	1	1	2	98	21	1	1	4	65			1	36				1	1		\$ 72 00
Iwatsuki,	1	1	1	38	20	1		6	83			1	42				1			16 42
Matsubayashi,			1	40				2	42			1	40							13 40
Ozawa,			1	9			32		41			1	15			1				12 30
Bancho,	1		2	226	14		12	15	339			1	120							360 00
	3	1	6	466	55	2	44	27	470			5	253			1	2	1		\$174 12
Sendai,																				
Fukushima and Hobaru,																				
Nakamuta,																				
Shiroishi,	4	1	8	739	3	5		86	807	1	41	13	509	1	31	5	5	2	3	\$1018 25
Ogawara,																				
Watase,																				
Tome,																				
Yonegawa,																				
Yamagata,																				
Tsurugaoka,	1	1	1	101				3	104			1	30							146 54
Iwanuma,	1	1	1	43				7	50			1	20							11 70
Furukawa,	1	1	1	76				2	78			1	15							9 50
Ishinomaki,	1	1	1	120				1	121			1	76							419 86
Hakodate,																				
	8	2	11	1069	3	5		99	1160	1	41	17	690	1	31	5	5	2	3	\$1603 85
	11	3	17	1535	58	7	44	126	1630	1	41	22	903	1	31	6	7	3	3	\$2077 97
Grand Total,																				

N. B.—The Monbetsu Church, 121 members, in the new distribution of work, is under the care of the Dutch Reformed Mission. This Church is, therefore, omitted in this year's report.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully submit the following report :

There were placed in the hands of this Committee the Report of the Board of Missions representing the Eastern Synod and the Synod of the Potomac (accompanied by the report of the Treasurer of said Board) and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The report of the Board of Missions speaks of the past year as one of prosperity for the Missions under its care. Two of the Missions have within the past year become self-supporting ; others are approaching the point of becoming so. The entire number of Missions under the care of the Board is thirty-six, of these, only two are vacant. The year began with eleven Church Building Funds on hand ; to these five more have been added. In furtherance of this good cause, a tract, entitled "Our Church-Building Funds," has been prepared and published for free distribution. The *Missionary Herald* has given place to the *Missionary Guardian*, in which the Board is editorially represented by the Rev. T. J. Barkley.

Special mention is made of the extensive and many-sided labors of the Rev. D. B. Shuey, as Missionary Superintendent, in his field of the Synod of the Interior, where there has been steady, though not rapid, advancement and gain.

This Synod has cause to be grateful for the good management, by the officers and members of the Board, of its Missionary interests ; for the healthy growth and progress of the work of its Missions during the past year ; for the regular payment of the salaries of the Missionaries ; for the sound condition of the financial affairs of the Board ; and for the wide field, lying open before us, as a Synod, for continued and increased activity in the work of Home Missions.

In regard to the matters to which attention has thus been called, your Committee would recommend the following action for adoption by this Synod:

Resolved, That expressing its gratitude to the Board of Missions for its good and faithful management of the interests entrusted to it, this Synod again most earnestly commends the cause of Home

Missions to the several Classes and to all the consistories and congregations under its care, asking that systematic efforts be everywhere made to secure, not only the continuance, but also the large increase of the liberality of our people in support of this great and necessary work.

Resolved, That this Synod accepts the amount of \$7,000 apportioned to it for the coming year, and \$750 of the amount apportioned for church-building; and that (seeing there has been some remissness in this respect) the Classes be urged to insist upon the payment in full of this latter apportionment, no less than of the former.

Resolved, That this Synod heartily commends, as of great importance to this cause, the monthly periodical entitled *The Missionary Guardian* and the tract entitled "Our Church-Building Funds," and requests the several Classes to take such measures as may be deemed most effectual to secure the increased circulation of the one, and the extensive distribution of the other.

Resolved, That attention be called to the interesting and valuable yearly report of the Board, and that Classes and consistories be urged to see to it that the members of the congregations be supplied with it, reminded of its importance, and invited attentively to peruse it.

Certain documents from brethren in California which failed to reach the Synod at its last meeting, having also been referred to this Committee, the Committee recommend that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to return these documents with the statement that, by Synod's action of last year, the charges in California were transferred to the Portland-Oregon Classis, and that the parochial reports of these charges belong to that Classis.

There having been referred to your Committee, also, the statements of the Rev. Lewis Reiter and the Superintendent of Missions, concerning our Missionary work in the valley of Virginia, especially that at Roanoke, with the request that Synod assume at least \$3,000 toward the purchase of a lot in that city. In reference to this item we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod finds itself unable, at the present time, to assume so large a sum for this new work, but, recognizing the importance of the enterprise, authorizes the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions to continue the Mission by keeping the Missionary on the ground.

Foreign Missions.

The report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions makes mention of circumstances which have caused an arrest, to some extent, of the progress which has heretofore characterized Missionary work in Japan. Christianity has, however, been able to hold its own against reactionary and hostile influences, and it is believed that a favorable turn has taken place. Both the schools at Sendai are prospering; the number of pupils in each has been ranging from thirty to forty. In the girls' school thirty-one out of thirty-eight pupils have embraced Christianity. The Rev. J. P. Moore has been recalled on furlough, and it is hoped that his presence among our churches may have the effect of reviving the Missionary spirit. By the action of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod (that Society furnishing the necessary means) Miss Mary C. Hallowell is about to be sent to Japan as an additional teacher in the girls' school.

The Statistical Summary accompanying that report shows that our Mission in Japan includes eleven organized churches, three self-supporting churches, seventeen preaching stations, and a membership of 1,630.

The report, however, laments that "for nearly a year past, there has been a distressing apathy and want of co-operation with the Board." The grievous fact is announced that, in many congregations, nothing whatever is contributed to this cause. As a consequence the Board is in debt to the amount of \$10,000, the Missionaries are often discouraged and disheartened, and sufficient means are wanting to make the necessary enlargement of our work. These are painful facts, which may well lead to salutary humiliation, to thoughtfulness and prayer, and an earnest effort to amend our ways.

In regard to these matters, the Committee would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That, learning with regret and grief that many of our congregations are not contributing to the cause of Foreign Missions, this Synod earnestly and affectionately reminds all the Classes, consistories and congregations within its bounds of the solemn and inevitable obligation resting upon us as a Christian Church, in regard to this all-important matter, and urgently advises each Classis to take such measures as shall secure, in each of

its congregations, the taking up of at least one special and liberal collection, within the year, for this purpose.

Resolved, That, learning with great pain of the indebtedness and embarrassed condition of the Board, this Synod recommends that special, individual and large contributions be made by those who may possess the means to do so, for the meeting of this particular emergency.

Resolved, That we express our grateful appreciation of the zeal and activity manifested by the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, and of the work undertaken by them of sending out and supporting Miss Mary C. Hollowell as an additional Missionary and teacher in the girls' school at Sendai.

Resolved, That this Synod expresses its gratitude for the safe return to this country of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Moore; that we welcome Rev. Moore in our midst and to our congregations, with the hope that his presence may do much towards reviving Missionary interest and enthusiasm among our people.

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

The request of the Juniata Classis, contained in item 6 of the Report on the Minutes of Classes, was referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. T. Rossiter, J. F. Mackley, and Elder J. P. Butt. Near the close of the sessions of the Synod, this Committee presented the following report, which was received, and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the overture of the Juniata Classis, requesting this Synod to transfer its Missions to the care of the Board of the General Synod, recommends the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That we recommend the transfer of the Missions under the care of the Bi-Synodic Board to that of the General Synod's Board.

Resolved, That we recommend the continuance of the relations holding between the Eastern Synod and the Synod of the Potomac under the present compact, so modified however as to meet the requirements of the new relations.

Resolved, That we recommend that the defining of the precise relations that shall hold between the two Boards, and the rights

and privileges that shall be enjoyed by each, be determined by the two Boards.

Resolved, That a copy of these recommendations be conveyed to the Eastern Synod by Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROSSITER, *Chairman*.

The following action was adopted in reference to the request of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, contained in item 2 of the Report on Overtures, for the payment of an alleged arrearage of \$104.86 for Harbor Missions on the part of Synod :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be directed to advance the amount of \$104.86 to the Treasurer of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, and that the delinquent Classes on said apportionments for 1884 and 1887 be given by the Stated Clerk in the printed Minutes of Synod, and that said delinquent Classes be enjoined to pay said arrearages without further delay.

Note. A careful examination of the several reports of the Treasurers of Synod since 1884 shows credits for moneys paid for Harbor Missions to Treasurer Charles Santee, up to the time of the late meeting of the Synod, amounting to \$555.05. The Treasurer of Juniata Classis paid the apportionment of that Classis \$60.00, September 3, 1885, directly to Treasurer Santee. The Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis also paid directly to Treasurer Santee, May 27, 1885, \$43.00, instead of paying to the Treasurer of the Synod.

These several sums aggregate \$658.05 or \$24.36 less than the two apportionments of 1884 and 1887. This will leave an unpaid arrearage of \$429.71, including the apportionment of 405.35, made last year. All arrearages, including those of last year's apportionment, will be found given among the arrearages on assessments and apportionments in Article XV, Finance.

Stated Clerk.

The request of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, contained in item 3 of the Report on Overtures, that the Synod of the Potomac assume its portion of the eighteen hundred dollars needed for missions among the Hungarian population in this country, was granted, the Synod assuming four hundred dollars for this specific arm of Church work, and ordering the Com-

mittee on Finance to apportion the same among the several Classes of the Synod.

A letter from Rev. John Gantenbein, the delegate from the Portland-Oregon Classis, who was still on a visit to Switzerland, giving some interesting facts, and asking to be excused for his absence. He was excused for his absence, and his letter was referred to the Committee on Missions.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Rev. S. Z. Beam was elected a member of the Synodic Board of Missions for the period of four years.

Members of the Board of Missions and Terms of Service.

Rev. S. Z. Beam, for four years; Revs. J. O. Miller and C. Glever, for three years; Revs. T. J. Barkley and J. C. Bowman, for two years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and W. R. H. Deatrach, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Rev. J. C. Bowman, acting Treasurer, from October 20th, 1890, to January 1st, 1891, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.

DR.

Oct. 20.	Rec'd. from Henry Wirt, former Treasurer,.....	\$1024.92
Dec. 23.	" " Gettysburg Classis for Church Extension in Baltimore,	50.00
	Total receipts,.....	\$1074.92

Expenditures.

Oct. 22.	For printing tickets of Hanover Synod,.....	\$ 1.00
" 29.	Rev. W. M. Deatrack for Mercersburg College, being money contributed for deficiency of Virginia Classis,	74.78
Nov. 5.	Rev. S. N. Callender expenses as Commissioner to Eastern Synod,.....	5.00
" 8.	J. N. Slagle, for expressage on bonds,.....	1.30
" "	Rev. J. C. Bowman, for expenses of Synod,.....	25.00
" 19.	Rev. E. R. Deatrack, expenses of Synodical Reporters, .....	.68
Dec. 4.	Rev. J. O. Miller, four month's interest on note of \$300.00, held by York National Bank,.....	6.00

Dec. 16. Treasurer of the Board of Education, one year's interest on Stoudenour legacy,.....	\$	12.00
" " Stated Clerk of Synod, for postage, etc.,.....		10.00
" 31. To Endowment account for expenses of Endowment Committee, refunded by order of Synod,.....		232.59
" " Balance paid to Treasurer Edgar Slagle,.....		706.57
		<u>\$1074.92</u>

Edgar Slagle, Treasurer, in Account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending Oct. 13th, 1891.

DR.

Received.

From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	\$105.00	
" " " " Theological Seminary,.....	4.53	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	11.63	
" " " " Church Extension in Baltimore,..	30.90	
" " " " Harbor Missions,.....	9.26	
" " " " Hungarian Missions,.....	8.05	
" " " " Wichita College,.....	83.11	
	<u>252.48</u>	
" Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	200.00	
" " " " Gen. Synod,.....	114.00	
" " " " Theological Seminary,.....	30.00	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	125.60	
" " " " Wichita College,.....	50.00	
	<u>519.60</u>	
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	100.00	
" " " " General Synod,.....	56.00	
" Mercersburg Classis for Theological Seminary,.....	10.00	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	50.00	
" " " " Harbor Missions,.....	46.00	
" " " " Hungarian Missions,.....	50.00	
	<u>312.00</u>	
" Virginia Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	60.00	
" " " " Theological Seminary,.....	5.00	
	<u>65.00</u>	
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	100.00	
" " " " General Synod,.....	70.00	
" Gettysburg Classis for Theological Seminary,.....	25.00	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	50.00	
" " " " Harbor Missions,.....	40.00	
" " " " Hungarian Missions,.....	40.00	
" " " " Home Missions Bi-Synodic Board,.....	170.00	
" Gettysburg Classis for Home Missions, General Synod Board,.....	28.00	
	<u>523.00</u>	
" Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	28.48	
" " " " Theological Seminary,.....	2.04	
" " " " Mercersburg College,.....	10.11	
	<u>40.63</u>	
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	50.00	
" " " " " " " " arrears,.....	10.00	
	<u>60.00</u>	

From Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund,.....	\$100.00	
" " " " " Gen. Synod,.....	70.00	
" " " " " Mercersburg College,.....	50.00	220.00
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Total Receipts,.....	1992.71	
Balance in Treasury, Jan. 2, 1891,.....	706.57	
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		\$2699.28

1891.		Expenditures.	
Jan. 29,	By cash paid	Reformed Church Publication House, publishing Minutes of Synod,.....	\$ 184.89
Feb. 6,	" " "	Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, for Church Extension in Baltimore,	50.00
March 30,	" " "	Rev. J. O. Miller, four months' interest on note in York Bank,.....	6.00
May 14,	" " "	Rev. W. H. Groh, one year's interest on Brechbill Legacy to April 1, 1891,.....	12.00
" 16,	" " "	Christ Gross, Treasurer of Gen. Synod, for half of assessment of Gen. Synod for Contingent Fund,.....	243.10
" 18,	" " "	Rev. J. A. Hofheins, expenses of attending meetings of Conference Committee on Theo. Seminary Building,.....	28.34
" " "	" " "	Rev. D. N. Dittmar, expenses of attending meetings of Conference Committee on Theo. Seminary Building,.....	26.00
" " "	" " "	Rev. C. J. Musser, expenses of attending meetings of Conference Committee on Theo. Seminary Building,.....	17.40
" " "	" " "	Rev. A. H. Kremer, for expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors,.....	3.17
June 12,	" " "	Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors,.....	4.00
" 22,	" " "	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk of Synod,.....	100.00
" 26,	" " "	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College,	273.60
Aug. 7,	" " "	Rev. J. O. Miller to pay on principal of note in York Bank,.....	50.00
" " "	" " "	Rev. J. O. Miller to pay interest on balance of note \$250, three months,.....	3.75
" 27,	" " "	Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, for Church Extension in Baltimore,.....	20.61
Sep. 10,	" " "	Edgar Slagle, Treasurer of Synod, salary to January 1, 1892,.....	100.00
" 11,	" " "	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions for Hungarian Missions,.....	90.00
" " "	" " "	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions for Harbor Missions,.....	87.38
" " "	" " "	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions for Home Missions, General Synod,.....	28.00

Sep. 11,	"	"	"	W. H. Seibert, Treasurer Home Mis-	
				sions, Bi-Synodic Board,.....	\$170.00
"	24,	"	"	Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, expense as mem-	
				ber of Conference on Theological Semi-	
				nary Building, attending meetings,.....	24.34
Oct. 3,	"	"	"	Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, expense of En-	
				dowment Committee for years 1890 and	
				1891,	10.50
"	5,	"	"	John B. Roth, Treasurer of Theological	
				Seminary,.....	75.00
"	"	"	"	Rev. U. H. Heilman, Treasurer of Mary-	
				land Classis for Church Extension in	
				Baltimore,.....	10.29
"	"	"	"	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General	
				Synod Board of Missions, for Hungarian	
				Missions,	8.05
"	"	"	"	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General	
				Synod Board of Missions for Harbor	
				Missions,	7.88
"	"	"	"	Rev. W. M. Deatrick for Mercersburg	
				College,	23.74
Total Expenditures,.....					1658.04
Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....					1041.24
					<u>\$2699.28</u>

Respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, PA., Oct. 13th, 1891.

*Theological Professorship Endowment Account.*REV. J. C. BOWMAN, *Acting Treasurer, from October 20th, 1890 to January 1st, 1891.*

Dr.

Oct. 20, To cash from Henry Wirt, former Treasurer,...	\$5288.06	
From Maryland Classis, First Reformed Church of Balti-		
more,.....	75.00	
Jefferson Charge,.....	1.00	\$76.00
Gettysburg Classis, Fairfield Charge,	21.00	
Lishey's Charge,.....	8.25	
		29.25
Juniata Classis, Water Street Charge,.....	203.00	
Greenfield Charge,.....	6.00	
		209.00
Interest on investments to Dec. 31,.....		446.25
Nov. 3, John A. Hambleton & Co., Bankers, Baltimore,		50.00
Dec. 31, From Synodical Treasury, expenses of Endow-		
ment Committee refunded,.....		232.59
Total,.....		<u>\$6331.15</u>

Contra Cr.

Nov. 1, 1890, Savannah, Americus and Montgomery Railway	
Bonds,.....	\$2000.00
Four months' interest on same,.....	40.00

Baltimore and Harrisburg Western Extension R. R. Bonds, at
 101½,.....\$2030.00
 Oxford and Clarksville R. R. at 103,..... 1030.00

Dec. 31, Balance in hand paid to Treasurer Edgar Slagle,..... \$5100.00
 1231.15

Total,.....\$6331.15

January 2, 1891, Delivered into the hands of Treasurer Edgar Slagle,
 cash, securities and investments aggregating thirty-five thousand eight
 hundred and eighty dollars and twenty six cents, as per memorandum
 made.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BOWMAN.

*Edgar Slagle, Treasurer, in account with Theological Seminary
 Endowment Account.*

1891.

Receipts.

Jan. 2, To cash from Rev. J. C. Bowman, former Treas., \$1231.15

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

To cash from Christ Church Charge, Hagerstown,	36.00	
" " " Boonsboro Charge,.....	25.00	
" " " Jefferson Charge,.....	6.00	
" " " Union Bridge Charge,.....	22.00	
		89.00

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

To cash from Water Street Charge,.....	\$ 217.00	
" " " Everett Charge,.....	160.00	
" " " Yellow Creek Charge,.....	10.00	
		387.00

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

To cash from Fairfield Charge,.....	\$ 55.00	
" " " Lischey's Charge,.....	5.00	
" " " Arendtsville Charge,	1.50	
		61.50

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

To cash from Mechanicsburg Charge,.....	\$ 199.00	
" " " New Bloomfield Charge,.....	6.50	
" " " Carlisle Charge,.....	5.00	
		210.50

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

To cash from St. Thomas Charge,		32.50
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Credit.

By cash paid for box rent in vault of Han. S. F. S.	5.00	2011.65
" " " Railroad Bonds,.....	1500.00	1505.00

" " " " Balance in Treasurer's hands, Oct. 13, 1891,.....		506.65
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Amount of Endowment Fund invested in mort- gages and bonds bearing interest,	\$34,907.54
Premiums on bonds,.....	535.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,.....	506.65
Total amount of Endowment Fund,.....	\$35,949.19

Respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, Oct. 13th, 1891.

Interest Account.

Jan. 2, To interest received on investment from Jan. 2 to date,.....	\$1332.45
By amount paid Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman, on salary,.....	1200.00
Balance of interest in Treasurer's hands,.....	\$132.45

Edgar Slagle Treasurer, in Account with the Fellowship Endowment Account of the Synod of the Potomac.

1891.		
April 2, To cash received from a friend,.....	\$ 803.00	
" " " " " Rev. J. C. Bowman,.....	100.00	
" 8, " " " " " J. A. Hoffheins,.....	100.00	
" 28, " " " " " Elder Saml. Haeflich,.....	100.00	

Total amount of Fund,..... 1103.00

Or.

By amount invested at 5 per cent.,.....	1100.00
" cash in hands of Treasurer,.....	\$3.00

Respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, Oct. 13th, 1891.

To the Potomac Synod :

The Standing Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to examine and count the securities held by the Treasurer, on account of the Theological Professorship Endowment, begs leave to report that it has attended to its duties. The following were the securities and cash in the hands of Edgar Slagle, Treasurer of the Synod, on October 5th, 1891 :

Real Estate Mortgages and Railroad Bonds,.....	\$34,907.54
Cash in Bank,.....	506.65
Paid for Premiums on Bonds.....	535.00

Amounting to,.....\$35,949.19

Your Committee also reports that the Treasurer holds a promissory note on account of the Fellowship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., amounting to \$1100.00

Respectfully submitted,

EMMITSBURG, MD., Oct. 13, 1891.

U. HENRY HEILMAN,
Chairman.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Tuesday forenoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows :

The Committee on Finance respectfully offers the following report: The reports of the Treasurers of Synod have been audited, and found to be correct, according to the vouchers furnished.

The following sums were referred to your Committee for apportionment among the several Classes: For Home Missions, \$7,000; Beneficiary Education, \$4,000; Church Building, \$750; Mercersburg College, \$440; Church Extension in Baltimore, \$500; Hungarian Missions, \$400; Elocution in Theological Seminary, \$75; Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, \$500; making \$13,665.00.

Your Committee recommend the following distribution of these amounts, viz:

HOME MISSIONS.—Maryland Classis, \$1,802; Juniata Classis, \$1,072; Gettysburg Classis, \$991; Zion's Classis, \$871; Mercersburg Classis, \$612; North Carolina Classis, \$554; Carlisle Classis, \$506; Virginia Classis, \$476; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$116; making \$7,000.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.—Maryland Classis, \$1,133; Juniata Classis, \$712; Gettysburg Classis, \$566; Zion's Classis, \$500; Mercersburg Classis, \$450; Carlisle Classis, \$344; and Virginia Classis, \$300; making \$4,005.

CHURCH BUILDING.—Maryland Classis, \$191; Juniata Classis, \$115; Gettysburg Classis, \$107; Zion's Classis, \$92; Mercersburg Classis, \$66; North Carolina Classis, \$61; Carlisle Classis, \$55; Virginia Classis, \$51; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$12; making \$750.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Maryland Classis, \$114; Juniata Classis, \$67; Gettysburg Classis, \$58; Zion's Classis, \$55; Mercersburg Classis, \$43; Carlisle Classis, \$33; North Carolina Classis, \$33; Virginia Classis, \$29; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$8; making \$440.

CHURCH EXTENSION IN BALTIMORE.—Maryland Classis, \$125; Juniata Classis, \$75; Gettysburg Classis, \$75; Zion's Classis, \$60; Mercersburg Classis, \$60; Carlisle Classis, \$60; and Virginia Classis, \$45; making \$500.

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.—Maryland Classis, \$100; Juniata Classis, \$61; Gettysburg Classis, \$57; Zion's Classis, \$49; Mercersburg Classis, \$41; North Carolina Classis, \$30; Carlisle Classis, \$30; Virginia Classis, \$27; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5; making \$400.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Maryland Classis, \$20; Juniata Classis, \$13; Gettysburg Classis, \$12; Mercersburg Classis, \$11; Zion's Classis, \$9; Carlisle Classis, \$5; and Virginia Classis, \$5; making \$75.

CONTINGENT FUND.—Maryland Classis, \$128; Juniata Classis, \$77; Gettysburg Classis, \$60; Zion's Classis, \$64; Mercersburg Classis, \$60; Virginia Classis, \$33; Carlisle Classis, \$32; North Carolina Classis, \$30; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$6; making \$500.

Respectfully submitted,

A. K. KLINE, *Chairman*,

Arrearages.

The following are the arrearages found still resting on the different Classes for the following objects, to wit:

CONTINGENT FUND.—Carlisle Classis, \$158.51; Zion's Classis, \$56.23; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$33.

GENERAL SYNOD FUND.—Zion's Classis, \$56; Carlisle Classis, \$56; Virginia Classis, \$40; North Carolina Classis, \$20; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.—Carlisle Classis, \$164.78; Zion's Classis, \$118.37; and Maryland Classis, \$109.40.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Zion's Classis, \$98.38; Carlisle Classis, \$77.63; Juniata Classis, \$13; North Carolina Classis, \$3.

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.—Maryland Classis, \$60; Juniata Classis, \$50; Zion's Classis, \$31.95; Carlisle Classis, \$25; North Carolina Classis, \$10; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.

HARBOR MISSIONS, including the apportionment of 1890.—Maryland Classis, \$93; Carlisle Classis, \$91.04; Gettysburg Classis, \$80; Virginia Classis, \$65; Juniata Classis, \$60; Zion's Classis \$39.79; North Carolina Classis, \$20; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.—Maryland Classis, \$694.79; Carlisle Classis, \$369.74; Gettysburg Classis, \$205; Mercersburg Classis, \$122.51; and Juniata Classis, \$33.50.

WICHITA COLLEGE.—Zion's Classis, \$287.97; Carlisle Classis, \$55.70; and Maryland Classis, \$2.34.

Gettysburg Classis was exonerated from the payment of its arrearage of \$467.75 on apportionments for Beneficiary Education, as requested in Item 4, of Report on Minutes of Classes.

Virginia Classis was exonerated from the payment of its arrear-

age of \$140 on apportionments for Mercersburg College, and the amount was referred to the Committee on Finance for re-apportionment among the Classes.

The same Classis was exonerated from the payment on Theological Seminary of \$48.

The request contained in Item 3 of Report on Minutes of Classes was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. May, and Elder A. R. Schnebly. Subsequently the Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted, viz :

Your Committee, to whom was referred Item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Classes, begs leave to report that we have carefully examined into the matter, and have also conferred with the delegates of Zion's Classis. We find a discrepancy in the Minutes of Synod in favor of Zion's Classis to the amount of \$105.49. We therefore recommend, that last year's arrearage of Zion's Classis for Mercersburg College be \$100 instead of \$205.49.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

The Classes still in arrears on their respective apportionments for Wichita College were instructed to pay their arrearages as soon as possible, in order that the matter may be concluded during the present year, five years having already elapsed since said apportionments were made.

The attention of all the Classes reported in arrears was called to their arrearages as above set forth, and they were requested to meet them as speedily as possible.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its Annual Report, which was received and adopted as follows, to wit :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Board of Trustees met, pursuant to a call, in the study of the First Reformed Church of Baltimore, Md., February 12, 1891, and organized by the election of the undersigned as President, and Elder G. N. Forney as Vice-President and Secretary.

The business claiming the attention of the Board was as follows, to wit :

1. In accordance with the instructions of the Synod, the Treasurer, Edgar Slagle, presented his bond for thirty-four thousand dol-

lars, signed by himself and five responsible bondsmen, which bond was approved and is held by the Secretary of the Board.

2. The Treasurer of Synod was authorized to pay Rev. J. C. Bowman, Professor of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., the annual interest accruing from all invested funds in quarterly payments, dating from January 1, 1891, the time of entrance upon his duties.

3. Rev. J. C. Bowman presented his resignation as a member of the Board, which was accepted, and Jacob N. Slagle, of Hanover, Pa., was appointed to fill the unexpired term, which will end with the end of the present civil year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROSSITER, *President*.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Henry M. Schmuck was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years, from January 1, 1892

Members of the Board of Trustees and Terms of Service.

Elder H. M. Schmuck, five years; Elder J. N. Forney, four years; Rev. J. T. Rossiter, three years; Elder J. P. Reed, two years; and Elder Edgar Slagle, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Item 9 of Report on Overtures, and Item 7 of Report on Minutes of Classes, being a complaint of Rev. A. R. Thompson against the action of the Virginia Classis, were referred to a special Committee, consisting of Revs. A. Wanner, A. C. Geary, and J. Heyser, to examine whether the complaint be in order, and if found to be in order, to propose an order of trial. At Monday evening's session the Committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee, to whom were referred the papers in the com-

plaint case of Rev. A. R. Thompson against the action of the Virginia Classis, begs leave to submit the following report. Whilst the Committee is not absolutely sure, that all the requirements of the Constitution in the case of complaints have been complied with, nevertheless your Committee believe that it is so far in order, that it should be acted upon by the Synod, and we suggest the following order of trial of the case: 1. That Synod appoints counsel for the complaint, who, on account of bodily infirmity, cannot be present. 2. That the counsel for the complainant be allowed ten minutes to open the case. 3. That the defendant Classis be given ten minutes to reply. 4. That the complainant's counsel be given five minutes more, and the counsel for the defendant allowed five minutes to close the defense. 5. That the vote of the Synod be then taken without further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

A. WANNER, *Chairman.*

The case was immediately taken up and tried. Rev. A. Wanner was appointed attorney for the complainant, and Rev. A. K. Kline appeared as attorney for the Classis. After the attorneys had completed their pleadings, the Synod voted by an aye and nay vote, and refused to sustain the complaint, only two members of Synod voting to sustain it.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the sessions of Thursday forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Rev. Synod of the Potomac:

The Sunday School Board begs leave to present the following report:

Our Heavenly Father has in a most extraordinary manner, prospered the work of the Sunday-school during the past year, and never in its history has there been such intense interest manifested and so much good accomplished, its importance is becoming more and more appreciated by the Church, and we find that over three-fourths of those received into the Church are from the Sunday-Schools. In the State of Maryland there were received into the

Churches of different Protestant denominations, during the last year sixteen thousand nine hundred and ninety-four (16,994) from the Sunday Schools, and $23\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. of the population is engaged in the Sunday-school work.

We believe, as far as we have been able to ascertain, that the festivals of the Church and Children's Day have been observed within the bounds of the Potomac Synod.

We are also pleased to state that the Sunday School and Church Conventions have been held in the different Classes, and were generally well attended and with excellent results.

We are happy to congratulate the Synod upon their success in securing the appointment of the Rev. Dr. J. S. Stahr, as a member of the International Lesson Committee, and we have reason to believe that hereafter the Sunday School lesson papers will be prepared more in accordance with the scriptural order of the Church year.

In accordance with the authority given, the Board, by letter and verbally, made known to those interested in the Sunday School at Falling Waters, W. Va., that eighty-five dollars was appropriated towards the erection of a suitable building in which to hold Sunday-school and preaching; the amount to be paid as soon as a deed for the lot and property was executed to the Board of Trustees of the Synod. We have received no notice of its acceptance, and consequently the appropriation is null and void, and there is now in the hands of the Treasurer ninety dollars and eighty five cents (\$90.85.)

The Sunday School Board has selected the following topics to be discussed, and appointed the following speakers: 1st. "Better methods, Better Workers, Better Results, Revs. J. S. Kieffer and R. L. Gerhart; 2d. "The Relation and Duty of the Sunday School to Neglected Children," Revs. C. U. Heilman and C. Clever.

We recommend that Friday evening, October 16th, be set apart for this discussion,

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. R. L. Gerhart was elected a member of the Sunday-School Board for the period of five years.

Members of the Sunday School Board and Terms of Service.

Rev. R. L. Gerhart, five years; Rev. W. I. Stewart, four years; Elder G. S. Griffith, three years; Rev. C. S. Slagle, two years; and Rev. E. R. Deatrick, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

The following rule was adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the several Classes be and hereby are instructed to forward to the President of Synod the Classical Reports on the State of Religion and Morals, at least ten days before the annual meeting of the Synod, in order to enable him to prepare the Synodical Report on the State of Religion and Morals.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 23, of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted :

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them agreeably to the rules and regulations of Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publishing House, of Philadelphia, Pa., at the cost of \$184.89. The bill was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Report of Reformed Church Publication Board.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac, and Eastern Synods :

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States begs to submit to the Synods named, this, its annual report :

During the year just ended one meeting was called, namely the regular annual meeting for September, 2d, 1891. In the absence

of a quorum at this meeting, the Executive Committee (the full Committee being present) authorized the officers of the Board to prepare and issue the annual report.

The books of the publisher and lessee were examined and verified by a member of the Executive Committee, and the receipts being within the limit of \$40,000 the Treasurer received the quarterly installment of \$300, in accordance with the agreement with the lessee and the three Synods, as appears in the following report of the Treasurer of the Board, Geo. W. Hensel:

Sept. 4th, 1890,	To balance in his hands as per last report,	\$3047.38
Oct. 7th, 1890,	" cash received for interest,	17.88
Nov. 1st, 1890,	" " from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D. for quarter ending Oct. 1st, 1890,	300.00
Feb. 8th, 1891,	" " from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D. for quarter ending Jan. 1st, 1891,	300.00
Feb. 14th, 1881,	" " received for interest,	60.62
Mar. 30th, 1891,	" " " "	70.00
May 9th, 1891,	" " from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D. for quarter ending April 1st, 1891,	300.00
Aug. 17th, 1891,	" " from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D. for quarter ending July 1st, 1891,	300.00
	Total in hands of the Treasurer,	\$4395.88

The contract made with the lessee is now approaching the end of the fourth year of its existence, and the operations under it and the results attained thereby can no longer be called experimental. The present results, financially, furnish a basis for a reasonably accurate computation of the amount to become available at the expiration of the lease, either for extending your publications under existing conditions, or for again assuming their entire management and financial responsibility, should such a doubtful experiment again be deemed advisable by the three Synods.

It should be remembered and clearly impressed upon every individual connected with our Church, for there seems to be a great misconception of the fact, that the various publications issued by the lessee are and will remain the property of the three Synods, they having parted with them only for a term under a lease, similar in all respects to a landlord with a dwelling, and deriving a stipulated annual consideration therefor. For our publications the consideration cannot be less than \$1,200 per annum, but may be made materially larger through the hearty co-operation of every one within the bounds of the three Synods.

Independent of this palpable and very potent reason for en-

thusiastic support, there should exist a strong pride in every individual to extend the literature of his Church, to enlarge the columns of its papers and thereby attract to its pages the fruits of the best and broadest minds.

Again, the contract made by the three Synods with the lessee imposes a legal as well as a moral obligation to support this particular interest to the exclusion of every other. It requires very little reflection to appreciate the justice and wisdom of such a contract, for under any terms its disposal for a guaranteed consideration would have been impossible.

There exists still another reason for an undivided and ardent interest in your authorized publications, namely, the recognized merit of the various periodicals themselves. The Board has courted information and criticism on these, and can confidently state that the opinion is all but unanimous that the several publications in their contents and form are excellent and far in advance of what they were in former years. Even those who doubted the wisdom of leasing this interest are giving their words of commendation, and recognizing the advantage of the present over the former system. There would seem to be every reason to labor unitedly for its support, and none to remain luckwarm or to encourage any other interest.

The terms of the following members of the Board expire Jan. 1st, 1892: B. Wolff, Jr., Pittsburg Synod, and G. S. Griffith, Potomac Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10th, 1891.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*,
EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

Report of Committee on Publication.

The Standing Committee, to whom the foregoing report had been referred, presented its report during the session of Tuesday morning, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows, to wit:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Publication had to do with but one document, namely: The Report of the Board of Publication. From this your Committee learns, that, during the past year, as in the previous three years, the publication interests of the Synod and of the Church have continued under the management and control of Dr. C. G. Fisher, publisher and lessee of the Board;

that his books, examined by the Executive Committee of the Board, were satisfactory; that the business of the lessee being within the limit of forty thousand dollars he has made good his part of the contract in the payment of twelve hundred dollars to the Treasurer of the Board, as stipulated in the grant to the lessee; that the amount from this source, now in the hands of the Treasurer, is \$4,395.88.

In view of the foregoing facts, the adoption of the following action is suggested :

Resolved, This Synod keep steadily in mind its obligations under the contract with the lessee.

Resolved, Further, That we ask anew the patronage and hearty co-operation of the Classes, pastors and people of the Synod generally, in behalf of our publication interests in Philadelphia, to the end that the lessee may be properly encouraged and assisted in reaching the best results under the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

The following preamble and resolution were moved and adopted, to wit :

WHEREAS, It has been stated on the floor of the Synod that the publisher of the *Missionary Guardian* intends to increase the subscription prices of said magazine ; and,

WHEREAS, It seems to be the expressed judgment of this Synod that such a course would decrease its present circulation ; and in view also of the fact that the Synod has urged its pastors to make earnest efforts to increase its circulation ; therefore,

Resolved. That the Synod of the Potomac most earnestly requests the publisher not to make any increase in the subscription price of the *Missionary Guardian* for the present.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod,

Elder Samuel Hoefflich was elected a member of the Board of Publication, to serve for four years.

Members of the Board of Publication and Terms of Service.

Elder Samuel Hoefflich, 4 years ; Hon. John Cessna, 3 years.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday forenoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock of Monday morning's session. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. J. C. Leonard, A. M. Schmidt, and Elders C. A. Shultz and C. M. Keedy, acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday Schools and Publication.

Report of Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, to which items 12 and 13 of the Report on Overtures were referred, presented the following report, which was considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole :

Your Committee, to whom were referred items 12 and 13 of the Report on Overtures, begs leave to submit the following report :

From the report of Bethany Orphan Home, we learn that the present number of children in that home is eighty-two, and that the general health of the inmates has been unusually good. The spiritual interest of the orphans receive careful attention in the way of daily family worship, Church and Sunday School services, and catechetical instruction during the week. Eight orphans were received into full Church membership by the rite of confirmation.

The schools in connection with the Home are in good condition, and the majority of the orphans apply themselves diligently to their studies. The discipline of the Home is good, and the behaviour of the children excellent. The Board reports the purchase of seven acres of land for the sum of \$524.12, which has been paid for, making the number of acres owned by Bethany Orphans' Home, ninety-six. A new building has been erected, the cost and furnishing of which will be \$19,000. Of this sum \$11,500 have already been secured, leaving a balance of \$7,500 unpaid.

In order to cancel the debt upon the new building, and to meet the current expenses of the Home, the following action is recommended :

Resolved, That earnest efforts be made on the part of pastors, Church and Sunday School officers to take up liberal collections in every congregation and Sunday School during the ensuing Christmas season, for the benefit of the orphans of the Church.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphans' Home be requested to introduce such industrial features in the work of the Home as they shall deem best.

With respect to St. Paul's Orphans' Home, your Committee would respectfully submit the following action for adoption :

WHEREAS, The Commission of Soldiers' Orphan Schools of the State of Pennsylvania have withdrawn the wards of the State from St. Paul's Orphans' Home, thereby affecting its principal source of revenue ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac, through its pastors and consistories, give some of its orphans and a corresponding proportion of its contributions to St. Paul's Orphans' Home at Butler, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HELLER, *Chairman*.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit :

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, in compli-

ance with the request of the Society and the desire of this Synod, present for record in the Minutes of the Synod, the following statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending September 30th, 1891 :

Receipts.

Cash on hand as per last report,.....	\$1832.64
" received from interest,.....	3829.21
" " collections,.....	1684.82
" " donations,.....	366.66
" " miscellaneous sources,.....	106.29
Total receipts,.....	<u>\$7819.62</u>

Expenditures.

Cash paid investment,.....	\$2000.00
" " thirty-four annuitants,.....	1771.67
" " for expenses,.....	67.44
" in Treasury,.....	<u>3980.51</u>
Invested Fund, \$25,580.00.	\$7819.62

In the past year nine ministers and twenty-four widows or dependents of deceased ministers have received financial relief from the Society. As far as is now known, in the coming year, at least five more will be added to the list of those receiving help. The major part of the amount in the Treasury will be required to meet the appropriations made at the annual meeting, and will be paid on or before the end of the present civil year. The membership of the Society has been increased in the last year, by the addition of nineteen life members and three annual or contributing members, from the collections and contributions received, to wit :

Life Members : Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. B. Kerschner, B. B. Ferer, W. A. Long, J. O. Miller, D. D., J. J. Rothrock, D. B. Lady, M. A. Miller, P. C. Prugh, D. D., S. B. Yockey, J. S. Shade, J. D. Thomas, L. J. Mayer, T. O. Stem, I. E. Graeff, D. D., R. Lisberger, T. G. Apple, D. D., G. A. Whitmore and A. S. Dechant.

Annual Members : Revs. J. May, J. B. Stonesifer and S. E. Stofflet.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

The following special report of the Treasurer to the Synod was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN.—The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, within the bounds of your reverend body, for the year closing September 30th, 1891 :

Receipts.

Maryland Classis,.....	\$126.36	Mercersburg Classis,.....	\$51.15
Juniata Classis,.....	78.64	Zion's Classis,.....	33.12
Gettysburg Classis,.....	65.00	Carlisle Classis,.....	30.00

Total amount received, \$384.27.

Expenditures.

Maryland Classis,.....	\$225.00	Mercersburg Classis,.....	\$50.00
Carlisle Classis,.....	75.00	Juniata Classis,	50.00
Zion's Classis,.....	75.00	Virginia Classis,.....	50.00

Total Expenditures, \$525.00.

With the prayer that the Society may receive at your hands the encouragement it deserves, I remain,

Your fellow-laborer in the Gospel,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The following action of last year was reiterated, to wit :

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayer of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

The Stated Clerk of Synod was, on motion, instructed to prepare a circular, setting forth the object and needs of the Society, and send a copy to the pastors of the Synods co-operating in the work of the Society.

The following preamble and resolutions were also adopted :

WHEREAS, This Synod has heard with great pleasure, through the report of the Society, of the prosperity and of the great good that is being done by said Society ; and,

WHEREAS, The cause of the Society is of most vital importance

to the comfort and welfare of our ministry and their families; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod, at its next annual meeting, set apart as an anniversary of the Society an evening for the presentation of the object and claims of said Society.

Resolved, Further, That the officers of said Society arrange a suitable programme for said meeting.

At the session of Wednesday morning, Revs. C. Cort, J. D. Miller, E. R. Deatrick and J. S. Kieffer were appointed a Reportorial Committee, to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment, the Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee appointed to prepare reports for the papers, submit the following report: We have furnished full reports of the proceedings of the Synod for the daily *Valley Spirit* and daily *Repository*, of Chambersburg; the daily *Mail*, of Hagerstown; daily *Tribune*, of Altoona; the daily *Morning Herald*, of Baltimore, and the *Reformed Church Messenger*. All of which has been done without any expense to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CORT, *Chairman*.

The unanimous thanks of the Synod were returned to the Committee.

On Friday afternoon, instead of holding a business session, the Synod, in a body, was taken on a visit to Mercersburg, through the generous kindness of Col. Thomas B. Kennedy, President of the C. V. R. R. Company, and an alumnus of Marshall College, who furnished a special train free of charge, consisting of an engine and four passenger coaches. The following programme of services was observed in front of Mercersburg College: Invocation, by the Stated Clerk; hymn, led by the Vice-President; prayer, by Rev. C. Clever; addresses of welcome, by the President of the College and one of the students, which were responded to by the President of the Synod. Addresses were also made by two or three members of the Synod, who had studied at Mercersburg some twenty-five years ago. At the close of these services at the College, mem-

bers of Synod proceeded to the Reformed Church, where memorial services were held in memory of Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, in the Church, and to the memory of Rev. Dr. Henry Harbaugh, around his grave, in front of the Church. The afternoon was delightful and balmy, and the trip was most pleasant—long to be remembered by those who enjoyed the excursion.

A Committee was appointed to attend the public unveiling or dedication of the monument erected to the memory of Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, late Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pennsylvania, by the Public Schools of the State, which occurred October 31st, at Emmitsburg, Md., the place of burial; the Committee consisting of Revs. U. H. Heilman, B. R. Carhahan, S. L. Whitmore, A. S. Weber, and Elder J. Heyser.

The two volumes, mentioned in item 11, on the Report on Overtures, as recently published, and presented to the Synod by the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D. D., were received, the thanks of the Synod returned to the donor, and the books ordered to be placed in the Library of Mercersburg College.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Consistory of Zion's Reformed Church, twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The following members were granted leave of absence, to wit: Rev. O. P. Schellhamer and Elder I. F. Brinkerhoff, on Thursday afternoon; Rev. S. C. Stover and Elder J. Diehl, on Saturday forenoon; Elders S. B. Isenberg, G. W. Hartman and J. A. Hartman, on Monday forenoon; Revs. A. H. Kremer, S. Z. Beam, B. F. Bausman, A. C. Geary, and Elders G. S. Griffith, M. V. Boyer, W. Neff and W. Koontz, on Monday evening, and Revs. S. L. Mëssinger, J. W. Bell, and Elders A. D. Seitz, J. H. Bauserman and J. Brewster, on Tuesday morning.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, In the judgment of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, assembled in annual sessions in Chambersburg, Pa., October 13-20, A. D. 1891, the opening of the World's Fair at Chicago, in 1893, on the Lord's Day would be demoralizing and contrary to the Christian sentiment and morals of this country; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly importune the Board of Directors of the Columbian Exposition to use every endeavor to have said Fair closed on Sunday, or the Lord's day.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Synod be directed to communicate an official copy of this action to said Board.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received, and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

Report on Ministerial Necrology.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology reports, that of the 144 ministers on the roll of Synod at the last annual meeting, but two have departed this life during the past Synodical year.

REV. SIMON WOLF.

Rev. Wolf was born at Lewisburg, Pa., February 22, 1815. In 1844 he became a preacher of the Evangelical Association, in which he continued for over 30 years, and served as presiding elder a part of the time. On May 18th. 1876, he made application to the West Susquehanna Classis to be received into the Reformed Church, and to be licensed to preach the gospel, and which was granted. At a special meeting of the Mercersburg Classis, held Oct. 31st, 1879, his call to the Hickory Bottom charge was confirmed, and he was regularly ordained to the Christian ministry. He was installed at Millerstown, Pa., November 13th, 1879. He was installed as pastor of the McConnellsburg charge on April 20, 1884, which he continued to serve until his death, which occurred on December 23d, 1890, at the age of 75 years, 10 months and 1 day.

The funeral service was held on Christmas day, and his body was buried in the cemetery four miles south of McConnellsburg.

REV. P. ALLISON LONG.

Rev. Long was born in North Carolina, March 6, 1830. He was licensed by the Classis of North Carolina, in 1858. His first field was known as the Davidson charge, in which he labored very effectively. In 1872 he removed to Ohio, and served the Navarre charge until 1874, when he became pastor of the Taneytown charge. Here he was united in marriage with Miss L. A. Hess, in October, 1874. From 1884 to September, 1885, he lived in retirement at Taneytown. In September, 1885, he became pastor of the Grindstone Hill charge, Pa., in which he labored until his departure from this life on April 8th, 1891. His death was very sudden and unexpected. The funeral was held at Chambersburg, Pa., on April 11th, 1891, and his remains were buried at Taneytown, Md. During his residence in North Carolina, Rev. Long served for one year in the State Senate, with credit to himself and to his constituents. His biographer speaks of him as having been a faithful minister of Christ, a man of large experience, and with a rich fund of knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

U. HENRY HEILMAN, *Chairman.*

EMMITSBURG, MD., Oct. 13th, 1891.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac hereby tenders its hearty thanks to the pastors *loci* and members of the Reformed Churches and other kind citizens of Chambersburg, who have so hospitably entertained us during our present annual sessions, and that we implore the richest blessings of the Lord upon them in all the relations of life.

Resolved, That the pastors *loci* be requested to read the foregoing action to their respective congregations at next Lord's day services.

Resolved, That the Synod expresses its thank to Mrs. C. W. Cremer for her kindness in presiding at the organ at the opening of the several sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the management of the Cumberland Valley and Western Maryland Railroads for the favor of excursion rates of fare granted to the members of Synod passing over said roads.

Resolved, further, That the special thanks of the Synod be returned to Col. Thos. B. Kennedy, President of the Cumberland Valley Railroad, for his very generous courtesy in furnishing a special train, free of cost, to convey the members of the Synod to and from Mercersburg, on Friday afternoon, the 16th instant, where many of the members of the Synod had received their education.

The Synodical roll was then called, and none were found absent unexcused.

The minutes were read finally, and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely :

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Martinsburg, Berkeley Co., W. Va., on Tuesday evening, October 11th, 1892, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Tuesday at noon, October 20th, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

C. U. HEILMAN, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS. ZIONS CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Bapt'ns		Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excomm'n'ted.	Names Erased	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.
		Adults.	Infants.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega'l Purposes.	
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.	First Reformed, York.	11	2	24	7	325	9			13	1	460		\$ 635.00	\$2,538.00	113 South Duke St., York, Pa.
Aaron Wanner, D. D.	Kreutz Creek.	36	5	21	5	236	4			15	5	415		235.00	2,225.00	York, Pa.
Aaron Spangler	Trinity.	77	7	44	7	439	3			28	10	386	1	135.00	1,800.00	597 West Market St., York, Pa.
Reuben Rahauer	Without Charge.															North Prince St., Lancaster, Pa.
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.	Paradise.	87	8	40	16	927	13			50	10	590	2	435.00	1,300.00	44 West Market St., York, Pa.
Alfred F. Dreishach,	Shrewsbury.	46		10	18	324	5			15	5	380		395.00	1,000.00	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.
Phaon W. Snyder	Mt. Pleasant.	40		10	2	106				5	5	368		43.00	865.00	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
Oliver P. Shelhammer	Zion's, York.	48	1	26	13	360	6			11	1	373	2	126.00	2,630.00	411 West Philadelphia St., York, Pa.
Henry A. Bomberger	Heidelberg.	48	3	7	7	304	6			6	1	400	2	95.00	10,000.00	200 South Duke St., York, Pa.
Aaron H. Leisz	Dillsburg.	11		6	16	193	3			16	3	300		71.00	604.00	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
Isaac N. Peightel,	Grace, York.	10		6	16	126	5			1	1	220		205.00	1,665.00	West Hartley St., York, Pa.
Total, 11.		336	26	178	89	3490	54	6	146	42	3378	7		\$2,318.00	\$24,057.00	

MARYLAND CLASSIS:

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Last year's report,

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•Recently taken charge.

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

	Contributions.	Benevolent Purposes.		Students for Ministry.	S. S. Scholars.	Teachers and Officers.	Sund. Schools.	Deaths.	Names Erased	Excommu'ted.	Dismissed.	Communed.	Certificate of Renewal Confession.	Confirmed.	Bapt'ns		Unconf. Mem.	Members.	Congreg.	Post Office Address.									
		Adult.	Inf.																										
John C. Hensel.....	1	314	135	16	11	3	243	5	4	110	1	170	1	\$ 100.00	1,095.00	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.													
H. St. John Rinker.....																1628 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
Henry Tallhelm.....																Frederick, Md.													
John A. Hoffmann, D. D.....																Frederick, Md.													
Joseph S. Looze.....	3	223	120	3	1	2	200	2	2	129	2	180	2	\$ 149.00	3,340.00	Clear Spring, Md.													
Alpha K. Kline.....	4	367	73	2	2	4	350		3	278	1	160	1		950.00	Hagerstown, Md.													
Allen R. Thompson.....	2	167	77	3	3	14	124	1	1	68		104	1		4,000.00	1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
John T. Balliet.....	3	178	74	2	2	5	164		2	110	1	90	1		1,000.00	1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
Julius H. Shuford.....																1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
John W. Rauch.....	2	141	13	4	2	3	116	2	2	135		110	1		500.00	1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
George G. Everhart.....	4	263	97	9	6	8	89		3	166		22	1		500.00	1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
Josiah May.....	1	100	75	1	2	5	70	2	1	75		38	1		404.00	1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
Thomas K. Cromer.....																1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
Lewis Reiter.....	2	80					25	1	1	40	2	140	1		237.00	1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
Vacant.....	2	139	58	3			135		1	150		6	1		381.96	1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
".....	3	182	93	1			202	1	4	160		103	1		261.00	1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
".....	2	183	114	1	1		162		1	150						1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
".....	1	15														1400 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.													
Superannuated.																													
Without Charge.....																													
Mariashburg.....																													
Disabled.....																													
Woodstock.....																													
Rockingham.....																													
Timberville.....																													
Middle Brook.....																													
Without Charge.....																													
Shepherdstown.....																													
Mill Creek.....																													
Lovettsville.....																													
Roanoke Mission.....																													
Winchester.....																													
Mt. Crawford.....																													
Edenburg.....																													
Harrisville.....																													
Smithfield.....																													
														30	2,152	929	45	14	46	15	1000	13	5	23	24	1,586	7	\$ 1,345.80	\$ 5,910.80

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Contributions.		S. S. Scholars.	Sunday Schools.	Deaths.	Names Erased.	Excommunicated.	Dismissed.	Communed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Confirmed.	Bapt'isms		Members Unconfirmed.	Members.	Congregations.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'al Purposes.										Adults	Infants.				
William K. Zieher, D. D.	Without Charge.....																	Hanover, York Co., Pa.
John C. Bowman	Prof. in Theo'l Sem'y.....		\$ 265.00			6			5	17	320	24	6	19	339	330	2	444 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley	Gettysburg.....					11			5	6	509	53	4	45	335	376	3	Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa.
John H. Hartman	Gettysburg.....					25		4	5	6	638	43	3	83	659	659	3	Hanover, York Co., Pa.
Franklin A. Guth	Jefferson.....		286.00	340	1													Codorus, York Co., Pa.
Walter E. Krebs	Without Charge.....					11				10	405	15		23	365	320	3	Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.
William H. Herbert	Christ Church.....		186.00	225		9				19	605	46	4	46	403	390	3	New Oxford, Adams Co., Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman	Christ Church.....		557.00	350	1	9				10	605	21	16	39	423	403	3	Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.
Amrose C. Geary	ashtown.....		130.00	380	2	9				14	338	18	1	17	322	322	3	Fairfield, Adams Co., Pa.
Benjamin F. Pausman	Arendtsville.....		455.00	388		9				14	338	13	13	14	338	324	3	Arendtsville, Adams Co., Pa.
Oliver F. Schaeffer	East Berlin.....		70.00	216		9				45	365	23	6	23	45	365	1	East Berlin, Adams Co., Pa.
Joseph D. Peters	Second Hanover.....		30.00	207		12				5	374	14	2	12	170	170	1	Hanover, York Co., Pa.
George B. Resser	First Hanover.....		2,026.00	242		2				125	4308	268	33	289	3517	3517	29	First Hanover, York Co., Pa.
George P. Stem	Littlestown.....		200.00	181		2				5	220	14	1	16	193	193	2	Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa.
Vacant	Sherman's.....																	
Total, 14.			\$ 4,362.00	2534	4	102	4	4	72	125	4308	268	33	289	3517	3517	29	

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Bapt'isms		Confirmed.	Communed.	Certificate or Re-nwal o. Profes-sion.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'ed.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Adults.	Infant.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregati'al Purposes.	
Wm. R. H. Deatrigh.....	New Bloomfield.....	3	348	198	21	10	39	22	332	14	15	3	424	\$	4,785 00	Newport Perry Co., Pa.
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	Carlisle.....	1	281	115	8	3	16	3	295	4	5	1	170	\$	1,380 00	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Wm. I. Stewart.....	Mechanicsburg.....	1	240	100	5	6	11	7	204	12	5	1	180	\$	1,435 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Silas L. Messinger.....	Zion's.....	4	537	333	26	2	21	14	400	5	15	7	5	\$	867 00	Blair, Perry Co., Pa.
J. David Miller.....	Duncannon.....	3	178	73	12	1	4	11	151	1	10	3	425	\$	1,070 00	Marysville, Perry Co., Pa.
Wm. H. Groh.....	Sulphur Springs.....	4	215	111	6	5	7	10	185	3	10	3	160	\$	725 00	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Jos. W. Bell.....	Newburg.....	1	142	71					129	5	3	1	113	\$	136 00	Newburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Sol. B. Schafer.....	Without Charge.....													\$	105 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Milton H. Groh.....	".....															Columbus, Ohio.
Abraham B. Stoner.....	".....															Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa.
Sam'l N. Callender, D. D.,	Sec'y Foreign Missions.....															Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.
Vacant.....	Landisburg.....	4	537	307	3				268		6	483		\$	332 00	Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa.
Total, 11.		21	2,688	1,368	81	27	98	67	1938	44	28	42	2,157	\$	2,369 00	\$ 10,941 00

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	CONTRIBUTIONS.										POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Bap'ts.	Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommun'ted.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	S. S. Scholars.		Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregat'l Purposes.
Elias D. Shoemaker,	Without Charge,														Bedford, Pa.
F. A. Ruple, D. D.,	"														Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Henry F. Long,	Woodcock Valley,	21	8	20	400	18		1	10	5	380	1	100.00	850.00	James Creek, Hunt'on Co., Pa.
Calvin U. Heilman,	Water Street,	27	3	9	369	23			6	2	201	1	1,651.00	1,239.00	Alexandria, Hunt'on Co., Pa.
John W. Pontius,	Martinsburg,	10	3	12	288	10			2	2	214	5	265.00	827.00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
William A. Long,	Hickory Bottom,	5	10	32	297	12			200	3	245	1	114.00	767.00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Christian W. Summy,	Greenfield,	33	2	16	386	7			4	1	262	1	391.00	766.00	Claysburg, Blair Co., Pa.
R. Leighton Gerhart,	Bedford,	4	2	7	150	12		9	3	1	160	1	155.00	1,322.00	Bedford, Pa.
S. Charles Stover,	Dunning's Creek,	181	25	4	337	11			0	3	293		160.00	566.00	Cessna, Bedford Co., Pa.
Samuel Z. Penn, D. D.,	St. Clairville,	24	18	11	310	12		25	11	2	223		390.00	826.00	St. Clairsville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Cyrus H. Reiter,	Without Charge,														Cessna, Bedford Co., Pa.
Lloyd E. Coblenz,	Altoona, Trinity Mis.,	14	2	17	197	5			8	1	233		226.00	3,870.00	James Creek, Hunt'on Co., Pa.
Joseph H. Apple, D. D.,	Friend's Cove,	12	20	3	139	11			6	2	90		85.00	500.00	201 Fourth Ave., Altoona, Pa.
James B. Stonessifer,	Schellsburg,	21	7	5	137	2			12	3	100	2	257.00	4,550.00	Schellsburg, Pa.
Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D.,	Huntingdon,	6	22	10	363	12			4	1	363		597.00	1,670.00	Huntingdon, Pa.
Francis M. Line,	Everett,	81	6	3	43	11		12	4	1	84		110.00	847.00	Everett, Pa.
Albert S. Glessner,	Sulphur Springs,	44	3	27	13	233		5	3	1	70		270.00	2,531.00	Mann's Choice, Bedford Co., Pa.
Vacant	Altoona, Christ's Ch.,	15	4	18	27	338			0	1	200		759.00	2,761.00	Altoona, Pa.
"	Yellow Creek,	18	1	19	313	16			7	3	285		210.00	752.00	Loydsburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
"	Orbisonia,	1	30	1	65	2			1	2	82		24.00	93.00	Orbisonia, Hunt'on Co., Pa.
"	Clear Ridge,	1	1		51				1	Un.			23.00	38.00	Clearville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Total, 17.		276	282	165	4339	166	52	125	38	3324	10	\$ 5,787.00	\$ 24,835.00		

PORTLAND-OREGON CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.													
		Contributions.		Students for Ministry.	S. S. Scholars.	Sund. Schools.	Deaths.	Names Erased Excommu'ted.	Dismissed.	Communed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Confirmed.	Bapt'ns		Members Un-confirmed.	Members.
Benevolent Purposes.	Congreg'al Purposes.	Adults.	Infants.												
John Gantenbein, D. D.,.....	Portland,	1	100	4	57	120	2	42	3	1	80	\$ 19.00	3,436.00	94 North 9th Street, Portland, Oregon.	
Jacob Muelhaupt,	Salem,	3	82	5	5	68	6	1	2	3	80	320.00	320.00	332 Merian Street, Salem, Oregon.	
Julius Lange,.....	Meridian,	2	51	5		38			4	1	23	96.00	250.00	Stafford, Clackamas Co., Oregon.	
Gottfried Gradel,	Washington,	2	46	8	20	10	24	1	5	1	130	171.00	625.00	Seattle, Washington,	
	Seattle,	3	79	16		74					24	125.00		Mink, Clackamas Co., Oregon.	
Rudolph Staub,	Hamilton,	2	12	16	8	12			3	1	45	40.00	295.00	Glencoe, Washington Co., Oregon.	
Herman Liesmann,.....	Ballard,	2	16	16		74			1	1	62	10.00	230.00	Astoria, Oregon.	
Jacob G. Schmid,	St. Peter's,	1	96	16		16						10.00	480.00	Stockton, California.	
R. H. Staehli,	St. John's,	2	60	20	9	40									
Vacant—No report,	West Union,	2	24	1											
Vacant,	Stella,	1	54												
John G. Biegert,	Stockton,	2	33			20									
Th. G. DeLyre,.....	Waldo Hills,	2													
	Napa, Col.,.....	1													
		9	639	39	99	549	68	19	12	542		\$370.00	5,807.00		

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

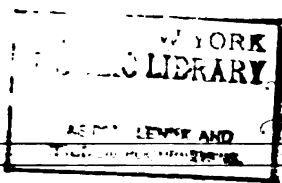
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CLASSES.	Ministers.	No. of Congre- gations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	By Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommu'ted.	Names Erased	Deaths.	Sund. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.												Benevolent Purposes.	Congrega't Purposes.
Zion's,	11	33	4,196	2,832	336	26	178	89	3,426	54	54	6	146	42	522	3,378	71	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 24,057.00
Maryland,	34	59	8,198	4,871	466	51	453	242	6,701	138	138	31	290	57	522	6,814	13	9,866.00	54,217.00
Mercedburg,	18	25	3,048	1,875	156	57	192	126	2,561	64	64	70	75	25	394	2,417	7	4,470.41	18,266.93
Virginia,	14	30	2,352	999	45	14	46	15	1,900	13	13	5	23	44	394	1,586	7	1,345.80	5,910.83
North Carolina,	16	35	2,850	1,530	141	71	238	57	2,273	20	1	25	48	33	236	2,362	2	1,267.00	5,977.00
Gettysburg,	14	29	4,887	3,517	289	33	268	125	4,308	72	72	28	102	44	928	2,534	4	4,362.00	15,474.00
Carlisle,	11	21	2,408	1,368	81	27	98	67	1,938	44	44	32	42	26	394	2,257	7	2,362.00	10,941.00
Juniata,	17	51	5,232	3,276	276	52	276	165	4,339	168	8	52	125	38	394	3,524	10	5,787.00	24,835.00
Portland-Oregon,	10	19	639	576	95	95	95	99	549	8	8	68	19	12	394	542	7	370.00	5,867.00
Total,	145	302	33,838	20,714	1,899	331	1,801	985	28,037	599	1	289	810	277	826	25,354	57	32,103.21	165,484.83
Eastern Synod,	244	486	86,832	49,716	5,506	509	4,550	2,274	68,974	1,356	4	925	2,781	577	5,896	59,824	105	76,925.00	383,732.00
Synod of Ohio,	114	222	20,112	5,939	858	508	1,234	633	16,544	610	5	863	372	201	2,472	18,532	33	15,238.00	94,709.00
Pittsburgh Synod,	63	131	14,346	9,069	898	94	700	605	11,852	388	1	212	286	112	2,472	9,137	16	42,197.00	74,527.00
Synod of the Northwest,	133	200	18,424	15,424	1,716	24	1,042	881	14,760	194	10	394	424	190	928	12,128	40	16,381.00	94,979.00
German Synod of the East,	53	46	13,737	8,949	1,970	18	741	699	10,395	141	2	345	491	45	928	9,704	12	7,659.00	82,377.00
Central Synod,	79	115	17,981	10,677	1,230	82	1,023	857	13,120	232	10	491	484	105	394	11,069	25	13,189.00	97,736.00
Synod of the Interior,	38	72	2,815	1,589	143	95	220	135	2,085	48	48	105	41	56	394	2,836	3	2,523.00	19,416.00
Grand total, 8 Dist't Syn'ds	869	1574	208,095	122,077	14,220	1,661	13,311	7,069	165,767	3,568	32	3,624	5,689	1,563	10,516	148,604	291	208,405.21	1,012,960.83

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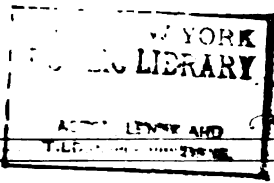
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Twentieth Annual Meeting.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, in Martinsburg, W. Va., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-two. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the eleventh and continued until the evening of the seventeenth day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in the Reformed Church of Martinsburg, Berkeley County, W. Va., on Tuesday evening, October 11th, A. D. 1892, at 7:30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. C. U. Heilman, the retiring President, from 1 Cor. 4 : 1, 2, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called, and a quorum was ascertained to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers :—Isaac N. Peightel, Israel S. Weisz, D.D.,^c Jacob O. Miller, D.D., and Alfred F. Dreisbach.^d

Elders :—William Stuck, Charles A. Shultz,^b William H. Miller,^e and S. Nevin Hench.^{ab}

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers :—T. Franklin Hoffmeier, John G. Now, Joseph W. Santee, D.D., William Goodrich, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Calvin S. Slagle, Marion L. Firor, Henry Ditzler, U. Henry Heilman, George W. Snyder, Henry F. Dittmar, and Anthony Shulenberger.

Elders :—Jacob H. Cost, Joshua Albaugh, Goldsborough S. Griffith,^b Uriah Warenfels, Samuel S. Fleagle, J. Fenton Thomas,^{af} William H. Lakin,^{ah} Daniel H. Stonebraker,^g and John Gassman.^{io}

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers :—Zwingli A. Yearick, William C. Cremer, Irwin M. Beaver, Cyrus Cort, D.D.,^a and Tilghman R. Dietz.^g

Elders :—J. Newton Brewer, Samuel Hoeflich, Thomas G. Zarger,^l and Daniel S. Barnhart.^l

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers :—Calvin B. Heller, Lewis Reiter, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Alpha K. Kline, James B. Stonesifer, and Thomas K. Cromer.^g

Elders:—William A. Pence, Henry W. Roller,^b Jacob Z. Fravel, John Fitz,^a Daniel Getzendanner,^a and Americus J. Souder.^{4a}

V. From the Classis of North Carolina.

Minister:—Peter M. Trexler, D.D.

VI. From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—George P. Stem, Thomas J. Barkley, Benjamin F. Bausman, and George B. Besser.⁴

Elders:—George W. Hartman, Abraham G. Keagy,^b Robert M. Elliott, and Jacob N. Slagle.^{4c}

VII. From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—J. David Miller, William H. Groh, and Samuel N. Callender, D.D.⁴

Elders:—Jacob Wetzel,^j Adam Heberlig,^j and Solomon B. Kissell.^{2a}

VIII. From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—S. Charles Stover, William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., Lloyd E. Coblenz, Calvin U. Heilman, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., and John W. Pontius.

Elders:—Percival D. Aurandt, Isaac K. Little, George L. Freet, Benjamin S. Fouse, and John P. Reed, Esq.

IX. From the Portland-Oregon Classis.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence.

Rev. William M. Deatruck occupied; during the first two sessions of Synod, the seat afterwards occupied by Rev. T. R. Dietz, and that of Rev. Z. A. Yearick, during the last four sessions. Rev. Sefellen E. Stofflet occupied, during the first two sessions of Synod, the seat afterwards occupied by Rev. C. Cort, and that of Rev. W. C. Cremer, during the fourth and fifth sessions. Rev. John W. Rauch occupied, during the first two sessions of Synod, the seat subsequently occupied by Rev. T. K. Cromer. Rev. Joseph W. Bell occupied, during the first three sessions of Synod, the seat afterwards occupied by Rev. S. N. Callender, and also during the last session. And Rev. Alfred S. Glessner occupied the seat of Rev. S. C. Stover, during the last four sessions of Synod.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis.—Revs. Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., and Charles A. Santee.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. William M. Deatruck, D.D., Sefellen E. Stofflet, George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., Jonas B. Shontz, and F. F. Bahner.

Virginia Classis.—Rev. John W. Rauch, and Elders Charles P.

Matthaei, Henry J. Seibert, James H. Myers, Theodore H. Davis, and Daniel S. Rentch.

Gettysburg Classis.—Rev. Edward D. Miller, and Elder Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis.—Rev. Joseph W. Bell.

Juniata Classis.—Revs. Albert S. Glessner, and Simon U. Waugaman.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Thomas M. Yundt, Milton H. Sangree, Adam C. Whitmer, John S. Stahr, Ph.D., Charles G. Fisher, D.D., and J. Stewart Hartman.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. Simon S. Miller, and David N. Dittmar.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Rev. F. M. Woods, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. C. S. Trump, of the Lutheran Church; and Revs. W. C. Chapman, A. C. Cackley, D.D., and H. C. McDaniel, of the Methodist Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year, namely:

Rev. J. G. Noss, *President*, Silver Run, Md.

Elder J. P. Reed, *Vice-President*, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. L. Reiter, *Corresponding Secretary*, Roanoke, Va.

Rev. G. P. Stem, *Reading Clerk*, Littlestown, Pa.

Elder H. M. Schmuck, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Reading Clerk.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first seven pews from the chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon sessions to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening sessions to commence at 7:45 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. W. Rauch, J. B. Stonesifer, and Elders W. A. Pence and H. W. Roller.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, B. F. Bausman, M. L. Firor, and Elders J. Albaugh and S. S. Fleagle.

Overtures.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, J. D. Miller, S. E. Stofflet, and Elders W. Stuck and A. Heberlig.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, T. J. Barkley, J. W. Pontius, and Elders S. Hoefflich and W. A. Pence.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. W. Santee, P. M. Trexler, G. B. Resser, and Elders J. H. Cost and G. S. Griffith.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. C. U. Heilman, W. C. Schaeffer, A. Shulenberger, and Elders P. D. Aurandt and J. Wetzel.

Education.—Revs. W. Goodrich, W. C. Cremer, G. W. Snyder, and Elders J. N. Brewer and G. W. Hartman.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. I. N. Peightel, A. K. Kline, L. E. Coblenz, and Elders J. F. Thomas and B. S. Fouse.

Missions.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, J. W. Pontius, J. S. Kieffer, and Elders W. H. Lakin and J. N. Brewer.

Publication.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, W. H. Groh, H. F. Dittmar, and Elders J. P. Reed and G. S. Griffith.

Finance.—Revs. U. H. Heilman, F. A. Rupley, T. J. Barkley, and Elders C. A. Shultz and T. G. Zarger.

Invested Funds.—Rev. G. B. Resser, and Elders G. N. Forney and H. M. Schmuck.

Nominations.—Revs. Z. A. Yearick, H. Ditzler, S. C. Stover, and Elders G. L. Freet and R. M. Elliott.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. C. Cort, L. Reiter, A. F. Dreisbach, and Elders U. Warenfels and I. K. Little.

Auditing Endowment.—Rev. T. J. Barkley, and Elders J. N. Slagle and I. Laucks.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and disposed of without reference. It will be found in its proper place.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments for services:

Wednesday Evening.—Anniversary of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows. Opening service by Rev. L. E. Coblentz. Rev. W. M. Deatrick to preside. Addresses by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Society.

Thursday Evening.—Our Educational Interests. Opening service by Rev. S. U. Wangaman. Addresses by Revs. I. N. Peightel, and Dr. J. S. Stahr.

Friday Evening.—Sunday-school Anniversary. Our Sunday-school Work. Opening service by Rev. H. F. Dittmar. Elder G. S. Griffith to preside. 1st Topic—"The Sunday-school Teacher in his study, in his class, in his life," by Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and J. B. Shontz. 2nd Topic—"The Bible, the Catechism, the Lesson Helps—their place and use in the Sunday-school," by Revs. G. B. Resser and C. S. Slagle.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Altar service by Rev. H. Ditzler. Address by Rev. T. J. Barkley.

Saturday Evening.—Home Missions Anniversary. Rev. A. C. Whitmer to preside. Addresses by Revs. L. E. Coblentz and J. O. Miller.

Sunday Morning.—Holy Communion. Altar services by Rev. W. C. Cremer. Sermon by Rev. J. G. Noss.

Sunday Afternoon.—Children's Day Service. Addresses by Elder J. P. Reed and Rev. M. L. Firor.

Sunday Evening.—Anniversary of Foreign Missions. Rev. S. N. Callender to preside. Addresses by Revs. J. S. Kieffer and S. N. Callender.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. U. H. Heilman,—evening by Rev. C. Cort.

Methodist E. Church North.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. H. F. Dittmar,—evening by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

Methodist E. Church South.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. P. M. Trexler,—evening, by Rev. J. D. Miller.

Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. G. P. Stem,—evening, by Rev. J. W. Pontius.

Zion African Methodist E. Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. A. Shulenberger,—evening, by Rev. C. U. Heilman.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom the Printed Minutes were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming in our judgment, the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 7. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 2, page 7. The Standing Committee on Invested Funds is appointed, whose duty it is to report to this meeting of the Synod, of which committee Elder G. N. Forney is chairman.

Item 3, page 37. The Theological Professorship Endowment Committee is instructed to present a summarized statement of the contributions to the Endowment Fund to Synod, as soon as all the collectible pledges have been paid.

Item 4, page 40. The committee to raise funds to cancel the indebtedness of Mercersburg College is continued.

Item 5, page 44. A committee of conference is appointed to confer with similar committees from the Pittsburgh and Eastern Synods to secure joint ownership and control of the Institutions at Lancaster, Pa., to report plans, etc.

Item 6, page 44. A committee to act with similar committees from the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods to select a location, collect funds and procure plans for the erection of a Seminary Building.

Item 7, page 44. A committee is appointed to confer with the authorities of the North Carolina Classis and of Catawba College in reference to establishing a Theological Department in said college, and report a plan for the consideration of the Synod, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with said authorities.

Item 8, page 44. It will be necessary to nominate for election by the Eastern Synod for the term of one year, four members of the Board of Visitors and six members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Item 9, page 44. It will be the duty of Synod to fill by election the vacancies that are about to take place in the Board of Education, of those whose terms of office expire at this meeting of Synod.

Item 10, page 44. It will be necessary for Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose terms of service will terminate during the present month.

Item 11, page 59. The Treasurer of Synod is directed to advance a certain amount to the Treasurer of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions for Harbor Missions, and the Classes delinquent in the payment of their apportionments for said cause are enjoined to pay their arrearages without further delay. In the same connection an error is pointed out by the Stated Clerk, showing that the amount not paid by the Synod on Harbor Missions apportionments is much less than claimed.

Item 12, page 60. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions for four years, and one member for three years, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. S. Z. Beam.

Item 13, page 66. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Building, Church Extension in Baltimore and Hungarian Missions.

Item 14, page 66. Assessments are made for Contingent Fund of Synod, Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary.

Item 15, page 67. Various arrearages are noted on apportionments and assessments for Contingent Fund, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Mercersburg College, Theological Seminary, Hungarian Missions, Harbor Missions, Beneficiary Education and Wichita College.

Item 16, page 69. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Synod's Board of Trustees to fill the place of Elder Edgar Slagle, whose term of office will end on the first of January next, agreeably to the charter.

Item 17, page 72. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board, to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 18, page 75. The Stated Clerk is directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 19, page 79. The Stated Clerk is instructed to prepare and issue a circular to the pastors of the Church, setting forth the objects and needs of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of our Church.

Item 20, page 80. An evening of the present sessions of Synod is ordered to be set apart as an anniversary of said Society for the presentation of the object and claims of the Society, and the officers of the said Society are requested to arrange a suitable programme for said meeting.

Item 21, page 81. A committee is appointed to attend the unveiling or dedication of the monument erected to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. E. E. Higbee, at Emmitsburg, Md.

Item 22. It will be necessary for the Synod to make the sixth apportionment of five hundred dollars upon the several Classes for Church Extension in Baltimore city, in order to meet the pledge of the Synod, at Mechanicsburg, Pa., in 1887.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XX., Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, see Article XIII., Education; items 8, 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 11, 14, 15 and 22, see Article XV., Finance; on item 13, Articles XIII., XIV. and XV., Education, Missions and Finance; on item 18, see Article XX., Publication; on items 19 and 21, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on item 20, see Article VII., Religious Services.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands for examination, to wit:

Item 1. A statement of the present condition and outlook of our missionary work in Japan, accompanied by an earnest appeal for aid by the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 2. A communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid, asking that himself and the other delegates of the Portland-Oregon Classis be excused on account of their inability from attending the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 3. A letter from the same, requesting aid for his work as missionary, in building a church in Astoria, Oregon.

Item 4. A communication from Rev. J. Muellhaupt, of Salem, Oregon, setting forth the condition of the congregation at Stockton, California, accompanied with certain requests.

Item 5. A copy of the resolutions passed by the Board of Trustees of Catawba College in reference to establishing a theological professorship in connection with said College.

Item 6. A communication from the Pittsburgh Synod with reference to the observance of the centennial of the autonomy of the Reformed Church.

Item 7. A letter from Rev. Dr. Chas. G. Fisher, assigning satisfactory reasons for the late appearance of last year's Minutes of Synod.

Item 8. A request from Rev. A. Wanner for the payment of his expenses incurred as a member of the committee to select site for the Seminary Building to be erected at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 9. The annual report of the President and Secretary of Bethany Orphan Home.

Item 10. A statement of the condition and wants of St. Paul's Orphan Home.

Item 11. A letter from Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman, who was appointed to convey to the Eastern Synod the action of last annual meeting, adopting certain recommendations concerning the transfer of the missions of the Bi-Synodic Board to the care of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, stating that he had attended to the duty assigned.

Item 12. Two copies of an Order of Service with the Heidelberg Catechism compiled and arranged by the Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Item 13. A reprint of the Third edition of *The Anxious Bench* by Rev. J. W. Nevin, D.D., with an introduction by Rev. J. S. Stahr, Ph.D.; published by Daniel Miller, of Reading, Pa.

Item 14. A booklet on the needs of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., by Rev. Prof. Bowman.

Item 15. The Annual Register of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for 1891-1892.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 2, 3 and 4, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 5, 14 and 15, see Article XIII., Education; on items 6, 9, 10, 12 and 13, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; items 7 and 11 were adopted; and the request in item 8 was ordered to be attended to by the Treasurer of Synod.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained :

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Zion's and Portland-Oregon Classes failed to call the roll before final adjournment.
2. Zion's and North Carolina Classes neglected to number the pages of their minutes.
3. Gettysburg Classis does not record the Treasurer's Report, nor a synopsis of it.
4. North Carolina Classis failed to make marginal references, and to affix the seal of Classis to its minutes.
5. In recording the dismissal of a minister, North Carolina Classis makes the record simply "request granted."
6. The same Classis fails to state whether a Treasurer was elected.
7. The same Classis failed to furnish Synod with copies of its special meetings.
8. Maryland Classis, in its minutes of a special meeting, fails to state that the meeting was held at the time and place, for which it was called.
9. The same Classis failed to read and approve the minutes at the close of the two special meetings held in Hagerstown and Cavetown.
10. Virginia Classis failed to furnish a copy of its minutes in accordance with the rules of Synod, namely, the full proceedings on legal cap paper, pagged, and with marginal references.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

11. Maryland Classis asks Synod to excuse it from the apportionment of \$91.00 for Church Building of last year.
12. The same Classis overtures Synod with reference to an omission in the Minutes of 1891.
13. North Carolina Classis learns with pleasure of the willingness of Synod to co-operate with it in establishing a theological department in connection with Catawba College, and authorizes the Synod to furnish an endowment for one professorship in said department.
14. Gettysburg Classis requests Synod to remit its arrearage of \$80.00 on Harbor Missions, and \$205.00 on Beneficiary Education.
15. Virginia Classis asks to be excused from the payment of apportionments for Home Missions, Church Building, Mercersburg College, Church Extension in Baltimore, and Harbor Missions.
16. The same Classis asks for a larger number of the copies of the Minutes of Synod.
17. The same Classis requests the Synod to secure an earlier publication of its Minutes.
18. The Carlisle Classis asks to be exonerated from the payment of arrearages on Mercersburg College, Theological Seminary, Hungarian and Harbor Missions and Beneficiary Education.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

19. All the Classes took favorable action on the subjects referred to them, except as follows :

Virginia Classis on all subjects except on apportionments as noted above under item 15.

Zion's Classis on all except on apportionments for Church Extension in Baltimore, Theological Seminary, and the request to patronize the publication interests at Philadelphia.

Maryland Classis all except as to the apportionment for Church Building.

North Carolina Classis assumed only \$250.00 of the apportionment for Home Missions, and nothing for Church Building, Mercersburg College, or Hungarian Missions.

20. Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, and Juniata Classes severally adopted the Constitution and recommendations of the General Synod for the formation of a Federal Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Reformed Church in America, as referred to the Classes for approval or rejection. The Portland-Oregon Classis seems to have overlooked the matter.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED, AND DISMISSED.

21. Zion's Classis licensed Charles H. Brandt, and dismissed him to the Maryland Classis.

22. Maryland Classis received Rev. Frank Lambader from the German Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Hiram J. McAllister from St. John's Independent Methodist Church of Baltimore, Md., Rev. Charles W. Levan from the East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. Charles A. Santee from the Kansas Classis, Rev. William I. Stewart from the Carlisle Classis, Rev. Isaac M. Motter from the Mercersburg Classis, and licentiate Charles H. Brandt from Zion's Classis, and ordained him, licensed and ordained Atvill Connor, Jr., and licensed E. William Stonebraker, and dismissed him to the Juniata Classis; and dismissed Rev. Warren J. Johnson to the Lebanon Classis, Rev. Jeremiah M. Mickly to the Gettysburg Classis, Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt to the Allegheny Classis, Rev. Samuel L. Whitmore to the West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. George C. Erb to the Mercersburg Classis.

23. Mercersburg Classis received the licentiate Irwin M. Beaver from the Tiffin Classis, and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry, and Rev. George C. Erb from Maryland Classis; and dismissed Rev. Jeriah S. Shade to the Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Jeremiah W. Knappenberger to the Lehigh Classis, Rev. John F. Mackley, M. D., to the Gettysburg Classis, and Rev. Isaac M. Motter to the Maryland Classis.

24. Virginia Classis received Rev. Calvin B. Heller from the North Carolina Classis, Rev. James B. Stonesifer from the Juniata Classis, and Rev. Samuel A. Hitner from the East Pennsylvania Classis.

25. North Carolina Classis received Rev. David P. Lefever from the Philadelphia Classis, and the licentiate Andrew H. Smith from the Schuylkill Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry; and dismissed Rev. Calvin B. Heller to the Virginia Classis, and Rev. Allen R. Holshouser to the Wichita Classis.

26. Gettysburg Classis received Rev. Edward D. Miller from the Wyoming Classis, Rev. Jeremiah M. Mickly from the Maryland Classis, and Rev. John F. Mackley, M. D., from the Mercersburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. Ambrose C. Geary to the Juniata Classis.

27. Carlisle Classis received Rev. George A. House from the Tuscarawas Classis; and dismissed Rev. Abraham B. Stoner to the St. Joseph Classis, Rev. William I. Stewart to the Maryland Classis, and Rev. Silas L. Messinger to the Philadelphia Classis.

28. Juniata Classis licensed Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., and D. G. Hetrick, and ordained the latter to the work of the Christian Ministry; received the licentiates Simon U. Waugaman from the Westmoreland Classis, and E. William Stone-

braker from the Maryland Classis, and ordained them to the Holy Ministry. Rev. John F. Moyer from the Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. Cyrus J. Musser from the Allegheny Classis, Rev. Titus C. Strock from the Tobickon Classis, and Rev. Ambrose C. Geary from the Gettysburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. Cyrus J. Musser to the Philadelphia Classis, Rev. Joseph H. Apple, D. D., to the St. Paul's Classis, Rev. Christian W. Summey, to the Westmoreland Classis, Rev. James B. Stonesifer to the Virginia Classis, Rev. Henry F. Long to the Tobickon Classis, Rev. Samuel Z. Beam, D. D., to the Eastern Ohio Classis, and the licentiate Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., to the Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod.

29. Portland-Oregon Classis received Rev. Theodore Wartman from the Consistory of the Canton of St. Gall, Switzerland.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

30. Zion's Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Red Lion, York County, Pa., May 2d, A.D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. O. P. Schellhamer, *President*; Rev. I. S. Wiesz, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

31. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Sharpsburg, Washington County, Md., May 4th, A.D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. L. F. Zinkhan, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. U. H. Heilman, *Treasurer*.

32. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Greencastle, Franklin County, Pa., May 4th, A.D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M., Rev. J. Hassler, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

33. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Winchester, Frederick County, Va., June 7th, A.D. 1893, at 8 o'clock, P.M. Rev. A. K. Kline, *President*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

34. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Burlington, Alamance County, N. C., May 3d, A.D. 1893, at 11 o'clock, A.M. Rev. J. C. Clapp, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

35. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, York County, Pa., June 6th, A. D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. G. B. Resser, *President*; and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

36. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, Pa., June 8th, A.D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. H. Groh, *President*; and Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

37. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Bedford, Bedford County, Pa., June 5th, A.D. 1893, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. R. L. Gerhart, *President*; Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

38. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Mink, Clackamas County, Oregon, May 26th, A.D. 1893, at 8 o'clock, P.M. Rev. J. Muellhaupt, *President*; Rev. J. G. Schmid, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder J. A. Fischer, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman*.

Items 1 to 10 inclusive were adopted, and the attention of those Classes called to their irregularities. The requests in items 11, 14, 15, and 18 were granted. Items 12, 13, 16, 17, and 20 to 38 inclusive were severally adopted. The following was adopted in reference to item 19.

Resolved, That the Synod greatly regrets that the Classes named did not feel themselves able to comply with all the recommendations of the Synod, and expresses the hope, that this will not be the case hereafter.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE, AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure, and Ordination, to whom was referred Gottholdt A. Neeff, a graduate of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for examination with a view to licensure, begs leave to report, that the Committee has attended to the duty assigned, and his examination has been satisfactory, and the Committee recommends him to Synod for licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SANTEE, *Chairman.*

On motion, Mr. Gottholdt A. Neeff was granted licensure to preach the Gospel, and having signed the Constitutional *Formula*, the Officers of Synod were instructed to furnish him with the proper Certificate of Licensure. He was placed under the care of the Maryland Classis.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

"It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, Lord God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

From the classical reports placed in our hands, we learn that we have great reasons for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the manifold evidences of His love, presence and help. And the Pastors have been enabled to continue their labors, and blessed results have crowned their efforts. While compelled to wage war against the great adversary; after the many bitter contests that have been passed through only under the leadership of the Great Captain, was it possible to go on conquering and to conquer. Some have been overcome, yet how many have been preserved and what numbers were won for Christ.

The *missionary* work has made some progress, and a number of Woman Mission societies, with Young Peoples' and Children's Bands, have been organized during the year, beside the Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor, and chapters of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, all having for their object the organizing of our young people for more effective work in the church.

With our educational system of religion we welcome this more earnest effort to set to work the young as they are gathered into the full communion of the church. Perhaps we have been too often satisfied when we had instructed them in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion, and confirmed them; forgetting that education is complete not when the intellect is instructed, but only when we have learned to put into practice what we have learned.

A number of beautiful and comfortable churches were built, showing a love for the sanctuary and a desire to make it a place where the Lord's people may be reminded of His presence when they come to worship Him in spirit

and truth. Others have been repaired, and yet others enlarged to make more convenient.

New *parsonages* were built and old ones repaired, showing what regard was had for the comfort of pastors and their families, and thus add another tie to bind pastors and people in a common church or congregational life.

New *missions* have been established at promising points in the bounds of several of the *Classes*, thus having a care for those who have removed from the bounds of their former church homes, and extending our fields of usefulness to new territories.

New *charges* have also been formed by dividing the larger fields, and enabling pastors to have a better oversight of the people committed to their care.

There is a call for more laborers in that part of the Lord's vineyard committed to our care. One *Classis* reports that out of its nineteen charges there were only six pastorates which remained unchanged during the entire year, of which some were without pastors for years. Such a state of affairs does great injustice to the vacant fields, and also interrupts the work of those who are called to supply them.

We are hopeful as to the future; for this same *Classis* has under its care now eight young men who are preparing for the ministry, and at its last meeting licensed three young men to preach the Gospel.

The *Sunday-schools* are made more and more the nurseries of the church, yet there are some who are not reached by the schools, which leaves room for enlarged work.

The sacrament of *Holy Baptism* has been faithfully administered; in only one report is there complaint that parents are negligent in bringing their children into covenant relation with the Lord, where nearly one-half are adult baptisms; while others express joy that there is such a general appreciation of the covenant relation, with all its duties and privileges growing out of it. Too much stress cannot be laid upon its necessity.

Catechization has been made more effective by parents sending their children for instruction for years before they made a public confession, and are received by confirmation. While the additions are not near so numerous as they are by some other systems, yet a fewer number forsake Christ and return to the beggarly elements of the world, where they are harder to reach than at first.

While some report that the communicants are more regular, yet a larger number have absented themselves from the Holy Communion during this year than formerly, which may be accounted for in part by the fact that so many charges were without pastors. Among the many who have fallen asleep in Jesus throughout our Synod during the past year, were a number of elders who were called from the midst of their duties while laboring for the benefit of their congregations, and encouraging the people by the faithfulness of their lives and works of faith, thus ending their conflicts with the great adversary, and entering upon the joys in store for the faithful soldiers of the cross.

The Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter was the only minister among our whole number who was asked to lay down his pilgrim's staff. He loved his Master, and with joy accepted every opportunity which presented itself to preach the Gospel of Christ after he was deprived of the privilege of serving a regular charge. He labored until almost the end of life; being suddenly called, he lingered only a few days longer in a state of unconsciousness before he took his departure. The officers and ministers of Juniata *Classis*, after suitable services, carried his body and laid it in the cemetery of the Reformed church at Marklesburg, Pa., where it now rests side by side with many of those to whom he ministered in holy things during a former pastorate.

Each annual meeting will add new names to this list, and soon ours will also be recorded here. What a summons to put forth our utmost efforts, for the

night of death approaches, yet with this will also come the blessed reward. Let us remember the admonition: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

We may, and should, still rejoice in the blessed communion of all the saints, "wherein he giveth us also to have part," as they are now like a cloud of witnesses by which we are compassed about, and who continually behold us as we are engaged in the conflict, and we pray that the Great Shepherd may keep us in the faith, and at death we may enter into their joy.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN, *Chairman.*

(For the Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its annual report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave, through its Treasurer, to submit the following Annual Report for the Synodic year just ended:

At the close of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Chambersburg, the members of the Board then and there in attendance, being a quorum or majority, met and effected an organization for the year by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, namely, Rev. W. C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. J. David Miller as *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick as *Treasurer*.

The good work of the Board has moved forward with an encouraging degree of progress, and we are happy in being able to report the past year as a prosperous one, under the benign favor of our gracious Heavenly Father. The young men under our care made commendable advancement in their various studies. A larger amount has been contributed by the several Classes for beneficiary education, during the past fiscal year, than in any former year of the Board's existence. Three of the beneficiaries, namely, Daniel G. Hetrick, Atvill Conner, Jr., and E. William Stonebraker, completed their theological course of training for the holy ministry in the Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., last May. The first named was examined and licensed by the Juniata Classis, whilst the other two were examined and licensed by the Maryland Classis. Mr. Conner was ordained by the Maryland Classis, and is laboring within its bounds. Messrs. Hetrick and Stonebraker were set apart to the work of the Christian ministry by the Juniata Classis, and are now serving pastoral charges of said Classis. Ira L. Bryner, of the Carlisle Classis, has withdrawn from the care of the Board as no longer desiring its financial support. Two young men have been taken under our care with appropriations at the request of the Juniata Classis, namely, George W. Beaver and Ross Wicks. C. Edgar Reber was enrolled at the request of the Mercersburg Classis, George W. Shellenger at that of the Zion's Classis, Urban C. E. Gutelius at that of the Gettysburg Classis, and Frederick Cromer of the Maryland Classis. During the year your Board has aided thirty-three young men with funds in their preparation for the holy ministry, supplied by the Maryland, Juniata, Virginia, Carlisle, Mercersburg, Zion's and Gettysburg Classes, as the Treasurer's

Report, constituting a part of this report, will show. The beneficiaries now on our list stand connected as follows: Maryland Classis, six; Juniata Classis, six; Zion's Classis, five; Mercersburg Classis, four; Virginia Classis, four; Carlisle Classis, four; and Gettysburg Classis, four. They are J. Philip Harner, Lewis T. Lampe, Homer S. May, and Paul M. Spangler, *Seminary Seniors*; Jacob S. Garrison, George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spessard, and Louis C. Summer, *Seminary Middlers*; J. Calvin Bolger, Lewis P. Krome, and F. J. Emil Muehe, *Seminary Juniors*; William E. Bushong, Joseph S. M. Isenberg, C. Edgar Reber, Charles E. Wagner, Wm. G. Welsh, and David J. Wolf, *College Seniors*; Charles A. Bushong, Frederick Cromer, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Ezra D. Lantz, and Albert F. Nace, *College Juniors*; Amos T. Bennett, Frederick C. Saitz, George W. Shellenberger and John N. Wolff, *College Sophomores*; and George W. Beaver, Moses A. Kieffer, Nevin L. Weidner, and Ross Wicks less far advanced in their studies.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the reception of the following amounts during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, for beneficiary education, omitting the dates of payments into the Treasury, and summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or church, and also including the amounts from Sunday-schools, where such have given, so as to give the sum total contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Virginia and Gettysburg Classes, where the sources of the receipts were not furnished. The amount accredited to the Third Reformed Church, of Baltimore, was contributed by the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, of that congregation. Sixty-four dollars and fifty cents of the sum placed to the credit of the Woodberry Church, of Baltimore, were refunded to the treasury of the Board by its pastor.

And here the inquiry may very properly be made, why others who have been liberally assisted in their preparation for the sacred office by funds furnished by the Church, through your Board, and who are in pastoral charges paying good salaries, should not commence the duty of refunding, and thus save the Synod, in part at least, from making the heavy apportionments for beneficiary education that have become necessary from year to year. Of the many thousand dollars furnished to former beneficiary students of the Board since the present treasurer has been in office, the foregoing case is the only one where even a beginning has been made at refunding.

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Maryland Classis.—Third Church of Baltimore, \$150.00; First Church of Baltimore, \$101.29; Frederick Church, 100.00; Woodberry Church, \$81.50; First Church of Hagerstown, \$71.05; Mechanicstown Charge, 58.77; Middletown Church, \$70.00; Jefferson Charge, \$45.33; Manchester Charge, \$41.23; Clear Spring Charge, \$40.43; Mount Moriah Charge, \$37.43; Manor Charge, \$36.75; Cavetown Charge, \$34.79; Grace Mission, Washington, D. C., \$33.23; Silver Run Charge, \$27.75; Union Bridge Charge, \$21.78; Taneytown Charge, \$18.88; Glade Charge, \$16.00; Christ Church of Baltimore, \$14.00; Westminster Charge, \$12.33; Mount Pleasant Charge, \$10.90; Boonsboro Charge, \$10.00; Fairview Church, \$7.88; and Sabillasville Charge, \$2.45. Making \$1043.77.

Juniata Classis.—Waterstreet Charge, \$95.00; First Church of Altoona, \$85.00; Huntingdon Charge, \$70.09; Martinsburg Charge, \$70.00; St. Clairsville Charge, \$60.00; Dunning's Creek Charge, \$45.00; Yellow Creek Charge, \$45.00; Friend's Cove Charge, \$45.00; Second Church of Altoona, \$32.00; Everett Charge, \$30.00; Sulphur Spring Charge, \$30.00; Greenfield Charge,

\$25.00; Bedford Charge, \$15.38; Schellsburg Charge, \$5.30; and interest of Nicholas Gruber legacy, \$112.74. Making \$765.51.

Virginia Classis.—Per Treasurer of Classis, \$709.00.

Carlisle Classis.—Zion's Charge, \$172.98; New Bloomfield Charge, \$85.26; Carlisle Church, \$88.84; Landisburg Charge, \$64.37; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$52.66; Mechanicsburg Charge, \$46.80; Duncannon Charge, \$41.36; and Newburg Charge, 38.02. Making \$572.29.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg, \$100.00; Waynesboro Charge, \$80.00; Mercersburg Charge, \$60.84; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, \$48.00; Shippensburg Church, \$35.66; Second Church of Chambersburg, \$32.00; Mont Alto Church, \$29.65; Loudon Charge, \$25.25; Greencastle Charge, \$22.79; Grindstonehill Charge, \$18.50; McConnellsburg Charge, \$12.36; St. Thomas Charge, \$3.20; and interest of Jacob Stoudenour legacy, \$12.00. Making \$480.25.

Zion's Classis.—First Church of York, \$215.00; Paradise Charge, \$30.00; Kreutz Creek Charge, \$23.35; Dillsburg Charge, \$22.34; Heidelberg Church of York, \$19.86; and Zion's Church of York, \$15.60. Making \$326.15.

Gettysburg Classis.—Per treasurer of Classis, \$150.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 10th, 1891	\$ 248.00
Received from Maryland Classis	1043.77
“ “ Juniata Classis	765.51
“ “ Virginia Classis	709.00
“ “ Carlisle Classis	572.29
“ “ Mercersburg Classis	480.25
“ “ Zion's Classis	326.15
“ “ Gettysburg Classis	150.00
Total receipts	<u>\$4294.97</u>

Summary of Payments.

Paid to beneficiary students of Maryland Classis	\$ 1162.50
“ “ “ Juniata Classis	770.00
“ “ “ Virginia Classis	650.00
“ “ “ Carlisle Classis	522.98
“ “ “ Mercersburg Classis	450.00
“ “ “ Zion's Classis	317.80
“ “ “ Gettysburg Classis	175.00
Postage and Stationery	3.19
	<u>\$4051.47</u>

Balance in Treasury October 6, 1892 \$243.50

\$4294.97

We do hereby certify that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Dearrick, D. D., Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing Synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the Summaries of Receipts and Disbursements, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be \$243.50 on the 6th instant.

October 6th, 1892.

GEO. W. AUGHINBAUGH.
Z. A. YEARICK.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :—

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report :

The Board, at the annual meeting last June, at Mercersburg, organized by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, to wit: Rev. W. M. Deatrick as *President*, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier as *Secretary*, and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer*. An Executive Committee was appointed according to the requirements of the charter, composed of the aforementioned officers of the Board, *ex-officio*, and Rev. W. C. Cremer and Elder S. Hoeflich.

The educational work of the college has been conducted during the past year the same as for ten years previous, by the Rev. Dr. Aughinbaugh, without involving the Board in any expense or debt, according to the directions of the Synod in 1880, at Woodstock, Va. At the opening of the present session in the college, the teaching force was very materially changed, but not deteriorated by said change.

Three young ladies completed the prescribed course of study in the Female Department of the College last June, and were granted diplomas to that effect by the Board. Four young men were fitted to enter the Sophomore Class, and entered other institutions of learning, one of them having been admitted into the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

The Board thankfully acknowledges the reception of \$339.29 through the Treasurer of Synod towards the College indebtedness and accrued interest thereon. Since the last meeting of the Synod, between eight and nine hundred dollars of the principal of the debt has been cancelled, and the interest of the debt paid up to last April. An endowment fund has been invested amounting to \$625.00.

The Board held an adjourned meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., June 28th and 29th, at which there was a full attendance of the members of the Board, when, after prolonged discussion and prayerful consideration, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, namely :

In response to the deliverance of the Synod in 1891, on the subject of Education in connection with Mercersburg College, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College would respectfully submit the following :

WHEREAS, the Synod of the Potomac at its annual sessions in Chambersburg, Pa., in October, 1891, made certain requests of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, with regard to the management and course of study in said institution, so as to command the better patronage and influence of the entire Synod, and also to make a better provision for female education within the bounds of the Synod ; and,

WHEREAS, The Synod has also pledged its moral and financial support in any reasonable effort to secure the above end ; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That provision be made to carry students to the end of the Sophomore year in the regular College course.
2. *Resolved*, That provision also be made for Liberal, Literary, Scientific, Normal and Commercial Course.
3. *Resolved*, That a liberal course of studies be provided for young ladies.
4. *Resolved*, That the Preparatory Building and property shall be thoroughly repaired and fitted for a ladies' school.

5. *Resolved*, That the College or Seminary Building be also thoroughly repaired and made comfortable and inviting for the male students.

6. *Resolved*, That both be comfortably heated with modern appliances.

7. *Resolved*, That the necessary apparatus be provided for the different departments, so that more efficient work can be done in the Institution.

8. *Resolved*, That this plan shall be put into operation with the opening of the Fall Term of 1898.

9. *Resolved*, That we ask for the sum of ten thousand dollars to make these necessary improvements, besides what may yet be needed to pay the remaining indebtedness.

10. *Resolved*, That the endowment of thirty thousand dollars, already commenced, be completed as speedily as possible.

11. *Resolved*, That to facilitate the raising of funds, and thus enable our Church to keep abreast with the general spirit of education, we ask the Synod to have in an especial manner the need and importance of this matter laid before all our people, so as to prepare them for more free and favorable responses to the call to be made upon them.

12. *Resolved*, That we respectfully submit the foregoing plan to the Synod for its approval.

13. *Resolved*, That we ask the Synod at its next annual meeting to be held at Martinsburg, W. Va., to direct one evening to be set apart for the consideration of our educational work.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College and by its direction.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren:—As Secretary, the undersigned hereby respectfully presents to your honorable body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1891–1892.

The Seminary was opened in September, 1891, under encouraging auspices. At that time the following young men were enrolled on the list of students as members of the Junior Class: *Charles F. Althouse, Harry N. Bassler, D. Franklin Boomershine, Charles W. Brugh, John W. Buck, George S. Butz, J. Silor Garrison, George Samuel Gill, Louis P. Goerrig, Louis C. Harnish, Ellis S. Hay, John D. Hunsicker, George Kinso Kaneko, Frank L. Kerr, Thomas H. Leinbach, Edwin D. Meizell, Christopher Noss, John W. Reinecke, Charles M. Smith, Otto K. Spessard, D. Snider Stephan, Louis C. Summer and J. Grant Walter*, twenty-three in all.

Of this number fourteen are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College; three of Heidelberg College; one of Catawba College; one of Calvin College, and of the remaining two, one had received his preparatory training at Ursinus College, and the other at the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, Pa.

The Middle Class, numbering twenty-two members, consisted of those who constituted the Junior Class as named in our report one year ago, without any changes.

The members of the Senior Class, fifteen in number, having completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having, moreover, sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were dismissed at the end of the seminary year, and awarded the usual Testimonials to that effect at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: *Henry H. Apple, Albert B. Bauman, Atwill Connor, Charles E. Creits, Daniel G. Hetrick, William Mann Irvine, U. Oliver H. Kershner, Charles E. Schaeffer, Isaac M. Schaeffer, Andrew H. Smith, George B. Smith, E. William Stonebraker, Simon U. Wuugaman, Gotthold A. Neff and Frederick A. Rupley*.

Of this number seven will be able to officiate both in the German and English languages.

Thus there were sixty students in connection with the Seminary during the year 1891-1892, which shows a considerably larger number in attendance than there was during any previous year in the history of the institution. Such evidences of progress go to indicate that as the wants and necessities of the Church increase the Lord is providing for us a more plentiful supply of ministers of the Gospel to enter vacant fields at home and abroad.

The instructions in Elocution under Prof. Silas S. Neff, Principal of the School of Oratory in Philadelphia, supported by a corps of able assistants, has been satisfactory, and, as it is believed, highly useful to the students. The Board, together with the Faculty, are therefore of the opinion that the present arrangement should be continued for another year, or until a more permanent arrangement can be made for the College and Seminary, to take its place. Should the three Synods so decide, it will devolve on the Synod of the Potomac to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary \$75.00, the same as last year, to meet the necessary expenses thus incurred.

The Board has the pleasure of informing the Synod that the endowment of a prize essay in Church History was completed during the year by voluntary contributions amounting to \$2,000 for this purpose. A distinguished friend of the Seminary proposed to give \$1,000 for this object, provided an additional amount of \$1,000 should be contributed by other friends of the Seminary. The full amount was made up in Dec., 1891, without any difficulty. Thereupon the Faculty decided that the interest of this fund should be awarded as a prize each year to that member of the Senior Class who, in the judgment of the Faculty, shall have attained to superior excellence in Church History, and written the best essay on any previously assigned topic in Church History in the judgment of the Faculty or of three competent examiners. Said prize shall be called "The Schaff Prize in Church History."

Further, it affords the Board much satisfaction to be able to say that the class of 1892, which completed the regular course of study last spring, offered to establish a prize in Sacred Rhetoric by paying the interest of \$500 to the member of the Middle Class who in the opinion of three judges writes the best sermon. "The prize is to be awarded on the ground of Christian truth and the literary finish with which the sermon is prepared." This proposition was accepted, and the thanks of the Board extended to the class.

The Board has endeavored to discharge its duty in its supervision of the Seminary during the past year, and it is happy that it is once more able to report that it is in a prosperous condition. The professors have endeavored, as we believe, to perform their duties in the fear of God as teachers of His word. As it regards the conduct of the students, and their industry in their studies, there is no room for complaint. Satisfactory evidence of their progress was given in their examinations, which were creditable. Generally they are active in Sunday-schools, in missionary societies, in prison visitation, and assisting the pastors in the city churches. During the year there was a large demand, perhaps too much so, for their services from pastors and vacant charges outside of the city of Lancaster. These were rendered as freely as the claims of their regular duties would allow.

In conclusion, we wish to add that the growing prosperity of the Seminary and of our other institutions at Lancaster is most truly a matter which should call forth sincere gratitude to God throughout all our churches. Founded in great weakness yet in faith by the fathers, they are becoming more and more fruitful each year in supplying our vacant congregations and missionary fields with faithful, well-equipped ministers of the Gospel.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 10, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,
THEODORE APPEL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

HARRISBURG, October 10, 1892.

To the Potomac Synod, Reformed Church of United States:

DEAR BRETHREN: I herewith enclose the annual report of J. B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and beg leave further to say, that the Board of Trustees held three meetings during the year. One special meeting on the 19th of November, 1891, at the Stevens' House, Lancaster, Pa. This meeting was called for the purpose of meeting the Synodical Committee to devise some plan of action towards securing the necessary funds for the proposed seminary buildings; the Synodical Committee having held their meeting on the 17th, it was impossible to confer with them.

A Resolution was passed to appoint a Committee of Six Members two from each Synod, to confer with the Synodical Committee, and that the Vice-President be one of that committee. The chair appointed the following: Chas. Santee and Geo. W. Hensel, of Eastern Synod; George N. Forney and Israel Laucks, "Potomac;" W. R. Barnhart and W. J. Baer, "Pittsburgh."

Members present at this meeting: G. W. Hensel, J. B. Roth, Israel Laucks, Geo. G. Heilman, J. D. Skyles, Geo. N. Forney and G. L. Freet. Adjourned.

GEO. N. FORNEY, *Secretary pro tem.*

A regular meeting was held on the 12th of May, 1892, in the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pa., at which were present: G. W. Hensel, G. Z. Kunkel, J. B. Roth, J. D. Skyles, Chas. Santee, Geo. G. Heilman, Wm. R. Barnhart, J. H. Twitmyer, Israel Laucks, Edgar Slagle, Jacob Heyser, Geo. N. Forney and Peter C. Wiest.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year namely, G. W. Hensel, President; Edgar Slagle, Vice-President; G. Z. Kunkel, Secretary, and J. B. Roth, Treasurer. Executive Committee, Gross, Kunkel, Roth, Hensel and Skiles.

Third meeting was held September 22, 1892, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. Present: G. W. Hensel, Edgar Slagle, Geo. N. Forney, J. D. Millen, Israel Laucks, Chas. Santee, J. B. Roth, Geo. G. Heilman, A. G. Renninger, Josiah Kerns, M. J. Reigel and Jacob Heyser. After some action in regard to Pittsburgh Synod's Professorship, auditing the accounts, etc., Board adjourned.

JACOB HEYSER, *Secretary pro tem.*Respectfully submitted, GEO. Z. KUNKEL, *Sec'y B. Tr. Theo. Sem'y.*

SYNOPSIS OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dr.

For amount of Endowment Fund, as per account received September 24th, 1891		\$62,452 65	
1892, May 12.	For amount received of Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis	\$ 152 00	
" May 25.	For amount received of same	51 00	
" June 23.	For amount received of Jacob Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as one-third of the proceeds or income of the Wilhelm Estate, to date	535 61	738 61
			\$63,191 26

Current Expense Account.

Dr.

1891, Sept. 24.	For balance due Theological Seminary	702 26	
1892, Sept. 22.	Mundry Income to date	5,252 83	

Or.

1892, Sept. 22.	By salary and sundry bills paid per vouchers presented	5,686 29	
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Balance due Theological Seminary \$268 80

<i>Library Fund. Principal is</i>		<i>\$7,819 96</i>
<i>Dr.</i>		
1891, Sept. 24.	For balance due Library account	30 34
1892, " 22.	For interests received to October 1, 1892	125 99
<i>Cr.</i>		
1892, Sept. 22.	By sundry bills paid to date	30 40
<i>Balance due Library Fund</i>		<i>\$125 93</i>
<i>Aid Fund of Theological Seminary.</i>		
<i>Dr.</i>		
1891, Oct. 5.	For amount received of E. Slagle, Treasurer of Potomac Synod	\$75 00
" Dec. 29.	For amount received of C. H. Boush, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod	75 00
" " 29.	For amount received of C. H. Boush, from Zion's Cong., St. Paul's Cl.	7 47
1892, April 30.	For amount received of D. B. Mauger, Treasurer of Gushenhoppen Classis,	9 00
" May 5.	For amount received of Rev. S. R. Bridenbaugh. Eloquution	1 00
" June 9.	For amount received from Lancaster Classis	7 00
" " 14.	For amount received of Rev. W. A. Haas, Treasurer W. Susquehanna Cl.,	51 "
" July 13.	For amount received from Philadelphia Classis	3 00
" Aug. 13.	For amount received of Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Thobickon Classis,	10 00
" " 24.	For amount received of E. Slagle, Treasurer of Potomac Synod	75 00
" Sept. 12.	For amount received of Jacob K. Funck, Treasurer of Lebanon Classis,	14 00
" " 19.	For amount received from Lancaster Classis	7 00
		<i>\$ 283 98</i>
<i>Charged to Treasurer and accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary.</i>		

Charged to Treasurer and accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary.

The William A. Wills Fund.

1891, Sept. 22. The amount of Fund is \$ 831 33
Interest on same to date is accounted for current expense account of Sem'y.

Building Fund of Theological Seminary.

1891, Sept. 24.	Principal of Fund reported	\$12,883 05	
1892, Aug. 31.	For amount received of Rev. John W. Steinmetz, Treasurer of Schuylkill Classis	\$12 57	
" " 31.	For amount received of same as a contribution from Rev. George W. Roth	25 00	37 57
			<u>\$12,920 62</u>

This fund is not made up entirely of contributions given for building purposes. Some of the obligations stated for "Building," whilst others named "Endowment," and others still, for "Benefit of Theological Seminary." It was credited as such, because then, as now the erection of seminary buildings was prominently before the church.

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

1891, Sept. 24. Principal of Fund is	\$2,687 30
1892, " 22. Interest on \$969, to Oct. 1, 1892	48 45
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	\$2,735 75

How this Fund is made up:

Pittsburgh Prof. notes paid	\$1,326 17
Bequest of Rev. Abner Dale	100 00
Interest allowed and credited to Fund by Seminary Treasurer, to Oct. 1, 1877	292 13
	\$1,718 30
1891, Aug. 19. Received of Rev. A. E. Truxel	600 00
" " 28. "	368 00
	968 00
	\$2,687 30
Interest on last named sums, \$968, to Oct. 1, 1892	48 45
	\$2,735 75
<i>Smiths Fund account.</i> Principal is	\$5,000 00

Dr.

1892, Sept. 22. For interest received on same to Oct. 1, 1892	\$400 00
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1892, " 22. By interest paid Rev. U. G. Fisher, Treas'r of Beneficiary Board \$ 400 00

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

Dr.

1891, Sept. 24. Amount of Fund reported	\$758 30	
Interest paid by Treasurer to date	25 00	
" Nov. 12. Received of A. S. Fricker. Reading	25 00	
" " 23. Received of Henry Mosser. "	50 00	
" " 24. Received of Jas. T. Reber	25 00	
" Dec. 11. Received of C. H. Levan. Obligation	116 70	216 70
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	\$1,000 00	
1892, Jan. 8. Received of Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff	1,000 75	
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		\$2,000 75
Interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1892	\$ 75 00	

All of which is respectfully presented.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we find them correct.

EDGAR SLAGLE, } Committee.
ISRAEL LAUCKS, }

Lancaster, Sept. 22, 1892.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Education begs leave to report, that they had referred to them the Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., the tract or booklet of Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman on the "Needs of the Theological Seminary," and the Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College for 1891-92.

From these reports your Committee learns that the work of Christian education, during the past Synodical year, has been vigorously prosecuted, with the most encouraging success. All of the institutions are in a prosperous condition. In Franklin and Marshall College proper there were 126 students, in the Academy 74 students, 61 males and 13 females, and 60 students in the Theological Seminary, making a grand total of 260 students—more than in any previous year.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary reports that fifteen of the students have completed their theological course, and have gone out into the work of the ministry, and are doing good work in filling up the ranks of those who fall in the ministry, and of our vacant congregations. The Board of Visitors requests that this Synod provide \$75 00 of the salary of the Professor in Elocution in the Seminary.

From the report of the Board of Education we learn that thirty-three beneficiary students have received aid during the past year, and have conducted themselves well, and have made commendable progress in their studies. The receipts of the Board during the fiscal year were \$4,294.97. The disbursements were \$4,051.47, leaving a balance of \$243.50 in the treasury.

From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College we learn that the work of the College has been carried on successfully, without involving the Synod in expense. The effort at reducing the debt of the institution has been carried forward to the extent of nearly one thousand dollars, and would

have been more successful, if the policy of our educational work had been fully defined, and all the members of Synod had worked harmoniously to this end.

We recommend the adoption of the following action, to wit:

Resolved, That the tract of Rev. J. C. Bowman on the Needs of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., be commended to the pastors and elders of this Synod, and that they be requested to have it circulated among the congregations of the Synod in such a way as may be deemed best.

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the progress of our educational work, and that our pastors be earnestly requested, to present the claims of our educational interests in all its departments, so essential to the life and prosperity of our beloved Reformed Zion to their respective congregations.

Resolved, That the request of the Board of Visitors be granted, and the sum of \$75.00 be referred to the Committee on Finance to be apportioned upon the several Classes.

Respectfully submitted, W. GOODRICH, *Chairman*.

The action of the adjourned meeting of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College last June was referred to a special Committee for consideration, consisting of Revs. S. N. Callender, J. S. Kieffer, T. R. Dietz, P. M. Trexler, G. B. Resser, W. C. Schaeffer and Elders S. N. Hench, W. A. Pence and A. Heberlig, with instructions to report at the opening of Monday morning session. At the time designated, the committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee to which was referred the consideration of the general interests and provisions necessary for the well-being of Mercersburg College, beg leave to report:

That, after hearing a further expression of opinion on the part of persons interested in the wise resolution of the questions relating to this College, your Committee endeavored to consider the whole subject with an earnestness and care which were felt to be due its grave importance. There was but one opinion as to the indispensable importance of suitable provision for the education of the sons and daughters of our church within the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac. We were impressed with the fact that notwithstanding the limitations and embarrassments under which the institution has labored for the last several years, its management has been successful not only in largely abating its disabilities, but at the same time in contributing a service in the maintenance of the cause of Christian education within our bounds, by no means inconsiderable, but at once valuable and thankworthy. It was felt with unbroken unanimity that it would be gravely unwise to abandon, or in any way to impair the vantage ground we now hold in Mercersburg, without any superior or even equal advantages within reach. And yet it was felt that some changes ought to be made to widen the reach and enhance the efficiency of our School.

After a free interchange of views, and a careful balancing of the views submitted to our consideration, your Committee unanimously concluded to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee now in existence, to solicit means for the liquidation of the remaining indebtedness, be instructed to vigorously press forward the work of providing means for the extinguishing of the remaining debt, and also to secure such additional means as may be necessary to put the Seminary Building in a suitable and presentable condition.

Resolved, That one or both of the residences in the Seminary campus, as may be necessary, be utilized for the accommodation of such female students as may be in attendance upon the instructions of the College, as long as they may be needed.

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Respectfully submitted,
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With us under a review of the charges of the Synod, which we might have

done (could we have secured the permission of the pastors), we would no doubt have secured the funds for the payment of the whole debt, and probably more. But as the Synod, at its last annual meeting, requested the Board of Regents to arrange a course of study, and prepare such further improvements, in order that the wants of the Church would be more fully met, we waited for its action, which was delayed until a little more than three months ago, when it was again made subject to the approval of this meeting of the Synod. We feel assured that should the Synod come to such conclusion as will meet the wants of the Church, and will have the hearty support of pastors and people, that we will be able to commence our work at once, and bring you a very favorable report by the end of this coming year, not only of the debt being cancelled, but also many of the improvements made and paid for.

Respectfully submitted, C. U. HEILMAN, *Chairman*.

Rev. J. D. Miller was appointed on the committee from Carlisle Classis in place of Rev. W. I. Stewart removed from the Classis.

The committee on the Seminary Professorship Endowment submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, and the committee continued.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Seminary Professorship Endowment begs leave to report, that during the year a few of the still delinquent subscribers have made good their pledges. There still remain however, a few such pledges in small amounts outstanding. In view of this fact the Committee would suggest that Synod urge upon these delinquents full and prompt settlements of the claims made upon them, that the account may be closed during the present Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

In the same connection, the following report was presented to Synod, and adopted, namely:

To the Potomac Synod:

The Synod having failed to appoint a committee at its last annual sessions to examine and count the securities held by its Treasurer on account of the Theological Professorship Endowment, and the Treasurer having requested the old committee to make the examination, the following report is offered:

The securities and cash in the hands of the Treasurer, Edgar Slagle, on September 30, 1892, were as follows:

Real Estate Mortgages and Railroad Bonds	\$35,157 54
Cash in Bank	418 40
Paid for Premiums on Bonds	535 00

Amounting to	\$36,110 94
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Amount of last annual report	\$35,949 19
Increase during the past year	161 75

The committee also reports that the Treasurer holds on account of the Fellowship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of	1,100 00
Interest accrued on the same	80 92

Amounting to	\$1,180 92
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Respectfully submitted, U. HENRY HEILMAN.

EMMITSBURG, MD., Oct. 10, 1892.

The committee, appointed a year ago, to act in conjunction with similar committees of the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synod, in selecting a site for the contemplated Seminary Building at Lancaster, Pa., &c., reported progress, and was continued, the Synod withdrawing its restrictions of last year in regard to the plans of said building being submitted in advance to this Synod.

The following report was received from the joint committee of the three Synods appointed a year ago to secure joint ownership and control of the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., on a just and equitable basis.

REPORT ON JOINT OWNERSHIP OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

To the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—The joint committee of the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods, charged with the work of formulating a plan according to which such changes in the Charters of the Theological Seminary and Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., may be made, as shall give to these three Synods the joint ownership and management of said Institutions, beg leave to offer the following report :

Two meetings of the Committee were held.

1st. A preliminary meeting in Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg, Pa., October 23d, 1891, at 5 o'clock, P. M., at which the following members were present, viz.: From the Eastern Synod, Revs. E. N. Kremer, T. O. Stem and Elder John W. Bickel; from the Pittsburgh Synod, none; and from the Synod of the Potomac, Revs. C. Clever, D.D., C. Cort and Thos. J. Barkley. Rev. C. Clever, D.D. was chosen president *pro tem.*, and Rev. T. O. Stem, secretary *pro tem.* After some conference, it was resolved that the committee adjourn to meet in the College building at Lancaster, Pa., on Monday of Commencement week, June 13th, 1892, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that the Secretary *pro tem.* notify all the members of the Committee of this action at least four weeks prior to the time of meeting.

2d. The second meeting was held at Lancaster, Pa., as per adjournment of the preliminary meeting, June 13th, 1892, and the two following days, the committee adjourning from time to time until the work was completed; some of the sessions being held in the College building, and others in the lecture-room of the First Reformed Church. The following members were present at this meeting, viz.: From the Eastern Synod, Rev. S. G. Wagner and Elder D. S. Keller; from Pittsburgh Synod, Revs. Wm. Rupp, D.D., D. B. Lady and C. R. Dieffenbacher, D.D.; from the Synod of the Potomac, Revs. S. Clever, D.D., C. Cort, D.D. and Thos. J. Barkley. The committee organized by the election of Rev. S. G. Wagner, D.D., Chairman, and Rev. D. B. Lady, Secretary.

The business with which the Committee was charged was carefully considered, both at its sessions and by means of correspondence. The results of the Committee's deliberations are embodied in the following resolutions, which are recommended to each of the three Synods represented for adoption :

1st. *Franklin and Marshall College.*

Resolved, 1st. That the ownership of the property of Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., and the management of the Institution be vested, as heretofore, in a Board of Trustees consisting of thirty persons, to be held in trust for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to be carried forward

in their interest; and that the charter of the College be so changed as to give to the Eastern Synod the right of electing twelve, the Pittsburgh Synod three, and the Synod of the Potomac six members of the Board of Trustees, the remaining nine members to be chosen by the Board itself; the term of office of said Trustees to be, as heretofore, ten years.

2d. The Theological Seminary.

Resolved, 2d. That the ownership of the property of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States at Lancaster, Pa., be vested in a Board of Trustees consisting of eighteen laymen, to be held in trust for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, to be managed by them in the interest of these three Synods; and that the charter be so changed as to give the Eastern Synod the right of electing nine, the Pittsburgh Synod three, and the Synod of the Potomac six of such Trustees; the full term of service of such Trustees to be six years, but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement, the term of one-third shall be only four years and one third only two years.

Resolved, 3d. That there be, as heretofore, a Board of Visitors consisting of twelve ministers six of whom shall be elected by the Eastern Synod, two by the Pittsburgh Synod, and four by the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, who shall perform the duties of said Board as designated by the three Synods interested, and as set forth in the articles of incorporation; the full term of service of said visitors shall be four years, but of those first chosen by each Synod under this arrangement, the term of one-half shall be only two years.

Resolved, 4th. That vacancies occurring from time to time in the three Professorships existing prior to the year 1890, shall be filled by the Eastern Synod, subject to the approval of the other two Synods. Professorships endowed since the year 1890 by any particular Synod shall be filled by such Synod, subject in like manner to the approval of the other Synods; in the case of the trial and discipline of Professors of Theology, as provided for in the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, the authority and action of the Synod having control of any particular professorship shall be final as regards the case of the incumbent of such chair.

In case any Synod or Synods refuse to approve the election of a professor of theology, a committee of conference, consisting of three members from each Synod, shall be appointed, who, after carefully considering the case, shall report their recommendations to the Synods represented for their action; but no election of a professor of theology shall be final until the approbation of all the Synods controlling the Seminary has been obtained.

Resolved, 5th. That all endowment funds of the Seminary be held by the Treasurer of the Corporation, but that the account of each of such funds be kept separate and distinct from all other funds, and that the income thereof be applied to the particular purpose for which it was created; should any Synod at any time withdraw from this compact, the particular endowment fund or funds raised by such withdrawing Synod shall be returned to it.

The officers of the joint committee, with Elder D. S. Keller, were appointed a committee to revise the report and present it in due form to the three Synods at their approaching annual meetings. It is the opinion of this sub-committee that it will devolve on the Eastern Synod, in case the recommendations made by the committee are adopted by the Synods, to secure such changes in the charters of the two Institutions involved as will give effect to the legislation enacted.

Respectfully submitted, S. G. WAGNER, *President*.
D. B. LADY, *Secretary*.

The special committee, appointed last year, as stated in item 7 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, submitted its report, which was received, amended, and then adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA AND THE TRUSTEES OF CATAWBA COLLEGE, IN REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEOLOGICAL INSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH THAT INSTITUTION.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Synod of the Potomac held at Chambersburg, in October, 1891, for the purpose of conferring with the Classis of North Carolina and the Trustees of Catawba College, in regard to the matter of establishing (as had been proposed and requested by said Classis and Trustees) a Theological Department in connection with Catawba College, at Newton, N. C., would respectfully present the following report:

The Committee proceeded at as early a date as practicable after the adjournment of Synod, to perform the duty which the Synod had imposed upon it. Having received word that a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina had been appointed to be held at Newton, on Tuesday, November 17th, at 2 o'clock, P.M., the members of the Committee presented themselves there at that hour, and were kindly welcomed by the members of the North Carolina Classis there assembled, constituting a majority of the members of that body, and including, as we understood, a majority, also of the Trustees of Catawba College. To these brethren the Committee extended the salutations of this Synod, and reported the action of the Synod in regard to their request, viz., that the Synod had recognized the reasonableness of the request; had expressed its willingness to co-operate with the Classis and the Board of Trustees in the matter of organizing theological instruction, should that be found practicable in connection with Catawba College; and had appointed us as a committee to visit them for the purpose of ascertaining their wishes more definitely and making report as to what should seem wise and proper in the circumstances.

In the conversation and discussion which followed, there seemed to be entire unanimity of opinion as regards, not merely the advisability, but the absolute necessity for the preservation of our foothold as a Church in North Carolina, of making provision for the imparting of theological instruction within the bounds of the North Carolina Classis. The beginning, it was conceded, would of necessity be a humble one; a single professor at first who might be assisted to some extent by those professors in the College who are ministers of the Reformed Church. With such apparatus it was thought that it would be possible to give their young men seeking to prepare themselves for the ministry, not such theological training, indeed, as is furnished by our older Seminaries, but such instruction as regards the Bible and the way to use it, with outlines of Church History and Dogmatic and Pastoral Theology, as might, for the time being, meet the wants of the case. Having such general plan in view, three resolutions were eventually presented by a member of the Classis, the first of which expressing the earnest desire of the Classis for the establishment of theological instruction in connection with Catawba College, pledged the Classis, in case of the establishment of a theological professorship, to contribute the sum of two hundred dollars annually towards the support of said professor; while the second, having reference to a movement for the endowment of the professorship, signified the willingness of the Classis to raise \$5,000 towards the endowment of it provided the Synod should raise \$10,000. These two resolutions were adopted. The third resolution was to the effect that the Professor of Theology was to be elected by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees of Catawba

College, the election to be confirmed by the Synod of the Potomac. This was felt by members of the Classis to be necessary, because of the charter of the College which requires that all its Professors shall be so elected. The Committee of Synod, however, stated that such an arrangement would not be possible, because by the constitution of the Church, the interest of theological instruction is committed entirely to the Synod, theological professors being amenable to the Synod and eligible only by it; on which account the Synod would not be able to concede the election of such professors by another body. The Committee explained, also, that such Professor, if elected, would not be properly speaking, a Professor of Catawba College, but that the organization of theological instruction in connection with that institution would be, in effect, the beginning of a new institution,—an incipient Theological Seminary, which, it was intended, should find lodging, for the time being, within the bosom of the College, and, if possible, some assistance from its Professors, until, in the course of time, if God's blessing should rest upon the movement, it should come to have an independent existence with proper accommodations and resources of its own. There would thus be no violation of the charter of the College, since it was not proposed to elect a member of its Faculty; the question being simply one on the part of the Synod, of seeking to provide for the welfare of its Churches in that quarter by organizing theological instruction, and, on the part of the Classis and the College, of favoring and assisting to the best of their ability such effort.

It not being possible at that time to arrive at agreement in regard to this question, or at least the members of Classis present feeling the need of further and more careful deliberation, it was finally moved and carried to lay the whole matter on the table until the next regular meeting of the Classis. Thus the errand of the Committee came to an end without any conclusion being reached at that time.

We have been informed, however, that the question was duly considered and acted upon at the next following stated meeting of the Classis of North Carolina; and that it was then nearly unanimously resolved by the Classis to request the Synod of the Potomac to organize theological instruction in connection with Catawba College in such manner as may be required by the Constitution of the Church.

Such are the facts in the case. As the result of their visit and conference, the Committee would report that in their judgment the Synod was right, one year ago in expressing its sense of the reasonableness of the request of the Classis of North Carolina to have theological instruction established within its bounds. To do this seems feasible; the more so because of the flourishing institution of learning already existing there. It seems, also, a necessity, if our Churches in that region are to thrive and prosper. The distance and the expense are too great for candidates for the ministry from the Churches in that region to be educated at the Theological Seminaries of the North. It is justly complained of that of the young men whom they do send to the North to be educated, some fail to return. There seems to be here a legitimate want to be supplied, as also an opportunity for the beginning and carrying forward of a beneficent work by this Synod.

The Committee, therefore, in order that a beginning may be made, recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod undertake the work of establishing and supporting theological instruction in connection with Catawba College, at Newton, N. C.

Resolved, That the Synod pledges the sum of one thousand dollars for the support of a Professor of Theology, to be paid annually for five years, less the amount which may accrue from any endowment fund that may be gathered.

Resolved, That steps be taken at once to secure a permanent endowment of

twenty-five thousand dollars, that a committee of three be appointed to mature plans for raising this fund, and that the committee report to the next meeting of Synod.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be apportioned among the Classes, and that so soon as that amount shall have been secured, the Synod proceed to elect a Theological Professor to have charge (with such assistance as may be possible from said institution) of the work of such instruction.

Respectfully submitted, J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

The Committee called for in the third resolution consists of Revs. C. U. Heilman, W. C. Schaeffer and Elder G. L. Freet.

Revs. S. N. Callender, A. H. Kremer, E. R. Eschbach and J. G. Noss were nominated as members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders Edgar Slagle, S. Nevin Hench, George N. Forney, Israel Laucks, Jacob Heyser and H. Wirt Shriver as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., from this Synod for election by the Eastern Synod, for the term of one year.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday forenoon, Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and W. Goodrich were elected members of the Board of Education, for the term of three years; and Rev. W. C. Cremer, Elder A. R. Schnebly and Rev. J. B. Shontz were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, for the period of three years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, at the present time, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and W. Goodrich, for three years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins, for two years; and Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and T. J. Barkley, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS: Revs. W. C. Cremer, Elder A. R. Schnebly and Rev. J. B. Shontz, for three years; E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Rev. C. U. Heilman and Elder S. Hoeflich, for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier and E. R. Eschbach, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several Reports are as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS FOR 1891-92.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, representing the Eastern and the Potomac Synods, present their

report for the year ending October, 1892. The Board having held two special meetings during the year, and circumstances making it difficult to secure a quorum for an annual meeting at the usual time, this report has been prepared and adopted by the Executive Council.

The Synods will notice that this report differs from those of former years, lacking their details and statistics and giving only a general view of the work. This is owing to the fact that the yearly report of General Synod's Board now in a large measure takes the place of our report, with all necessary details and statistics.

The most important act of the Board during the year was the transfer of all our missions to the management and control of the General Board, in accordance with the action of your reverend bodies a year ago. Your Board met the Executive Committee of the General Board in Altoona, Pa., in January, 1892, and in joint conference with them agreed upon the details of transfer which are as follows:—

- 1.) The transfer to take effect April 1, 1892.
- 2.) All missions outside the bounds of the Eastern and Potomac Synods to be transferred absolutely, this Board retaining all pecuniary claims that we hold against said missions.
- 3.) The missions within the bounds of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods shall report to Superintendent Whitmer, who shall transmit these reports with his recommendations to the General Board through the General Superintendent.
- 4.) Money for home missions raised by apportionment on the Classes within the bounds of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods shall be sent to Treasurer Seibert, who shall make monthly remittances to Treasurer Santee.
- 5.) This Board shall hold its legacies and trust funds, and shall control the use of its Church-building Funds.
- 6.) The Eastern and the Potomac Synods shall nominate the Superintendent of their own territory, said nomination to be referred for election to the General Synod or to the General Board as the case may require.
- 7.) This Board and Executive Council shall meet as heretofore.
- 8.) Superintendent Shuey to be retained until October 1, 1892, the General Board fulfilling our financial obligations to him.
- 9.) The General Board is requested to send a representative to the annual meetings of this Board.
- 10.) The Bi-Synodic Department of the *Missionary Guardian* to be discontinued.
- 11.) The General Board shall fulfill our obligation to the German Board of the East for \$150 a year until October 1, 1892.

After a brief discussion and explanation these details were unanimously adopted. The formal transfer was made at a meeting of the two Boards, in Lancaster, Pa., April, 1892; and therefore while your Board continues to have the oversight and care of the missions within your bounds, we have only advisory power in their management.

We rejoice to say that our work is in good condition. Three missions have become self-supporting, namely: Bangor, Pa.; Stafford, Ore.; and Williamsport, Pa. The following missions have been enrolled during the year: Royersford, Pa.; Tower City, Pa.; Memorial Church, Allentown, Pa.; Northeast Baltimore, Md.; West Rowan, N. C.; Harrisville, Va.; Albino, Ore.; and St. Thomas, Reading, Pa. (Seattle, Wash., was only re-enrolled.) The following missions were enrolled by request of the General Board: Franklinville, Bethel and Messiah missions, Philadelphia, Pa.; Phoenixville, Prospectville and Soranton, Pa. Accordingly the roll at present numbers 37 missions, only one of which is now vacant.

As our missionary year began October 1, and as the missionary year of the General Board begins April 1, it has been found necessary to allow the appropriations of the present year to continue to April 1, 1893.

The reverend Synods will be pleased to hear that the Board has now on record twenty Church-building Funds, six of which have been received during the year; but we regret to add that less than \$1500 have come into our treasury on the apportionment for this part of our work.

As your Board must have money for this work, we again ask that the same apportionment as last year be sent down to the Classes, namely: \$2500 by the Eastern Synod and \$1500 by the Potomac Synod.

We gratefully report the gift of \$1000 from Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt, of Hanover, Pa., being amount of legacy of Elder Henry Wirt, to this Board, but awarded by the Court to Mrs. Wirt owing to a defect in the will. In this gift Mrs. Wirt sacredly carries out his intent.

As the apportionment for the coming year will be asked by the General Board, we need only urge the full payment of what is assumed; and this we most earnestly and affectionately do, not only because so many new missions within your own bounds have lately been enrolled, but also for the sake of other new and important fields that should have early enrollment—to say nothing of a great and growing work within the bounds of other Synods toward whose support much help must come from the East.

It pains us to report the death of Elder William H. Seibert, the treasurer of this Board from its organization; and we desire here to record our high appreciation for his long and faithful service in the Board, especially as its patient and painstaking treasurer. The Eastern Synod will please note this vacancy in its representation; and both Synods will please note that Elder John J. Nissley, of Hummelstown, Pa., has been elected treasurer of the Board.

Herewith we transmit the report of the treasurer, duly audited, calling your attention to the small amounts received as compared with the large apportionments assumed. Brethren come to our help, that your work may be fully done.

Many things might profitably be added to this report, but even then much would be left unsaid. We humbly lay our work upon the altar of the Lord, praying for acceptance in His name.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President of the Board.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Having been appointed to fill the unexpired term of your late Treasurer, Elder Wm. H. Seibert, I herewith present the report of the finances of the Board for the year ending Sept. 26, 1892:

For Missions.

Sept. 22, 1891. To balance in the treasury \$2,526 49

Received from the Classes of the Eastern Synod.

Philadelphia	\$541 17
Tehickon	1,114 75
Goshenhoppen	1,388 76
East Pennsylvania	849 00
Lebanon	435 74
Schuylkill	1,832 75
Lancaster	797 70
West Susquehanna	910 27

West Susquehanna	449 22
Lehigh	1,349 08
Wyoming	200 00

\$9,029 44

Received from the Classes of the Potomac Synod.

Maryland	1,286 16
Mercersburg	537 98
Juniata	949 71
Carlisle	614 19
Zion's	521 23
Gettysburg	218 00

Virginia	38 70
North Carolina	145 00
Portland-Oregon	50 20
	<u>\$4,261 17</u>

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Interest on Spangler legacy, W. M. S. of Eastern Synod for Steelton	300 00
Interest on Gerhart legacy,	6 00
Interest on the Fremell loan,	143 00
" " Hutchi. son loan,	114 00
Rev. D. B. Shuey, Emporia, Kansas	10 00
Iola Kansas Mission per Rev. W. E. Shaley	5 00
Interest on Seidel loan	150 00
" " Grove "	120 00
" " loan to the Mission Abilene, Kansas	90 00
Rent of Church at Sioux City, Iowa	19 00
Part of Editorial Salary, <i>Missionary Herald</i> , 1890	42 75
Interest on the Kunkel loan,	120 00
Rev. A. S. Dechant. Amount overpaid returned	37 50
	<u>\$1,201 00</u>

From the Henry Wirt Fund, . . . \$1,000 00

Received for work other than that of the Board.

<i>For Hungarian Missions.</i>	
Schuylkill Classis	132 00
Tohickon "	81 00
Lehigh "	91 00
Goshenhoppen Classis	172 61
East Pennsylvania "	49 00
West Susquehanna "	19 75
East Susquehanna "	27 80
Maryland "	36 94
" Classis for Harbor Mis.	35 44
East Pennsylvania Classis for Rev. S. U. Mitman	280 00
Schuylkill Classis for Rev. T. I. Bower	200 00
Lehigh Classis for Rev. A. P. Horn & M. H. Dieffenderfer,	262 50
West Susquehanna Classis for Rev. S. Kuhn	150 00
Schuylkill Classis for Rev. H. Y. Stoner	500 00
	<u>\$2,028 04</u>

Disbursements.

Orders paid during the year, \$10,570 09	
Paid to the General Board, 5,974 30	
	<u>\$16,544 39</u>
Paid as directed by various Classis, for Hungarian Mis., 443 16	
For the support of certain ministers	1,392 50
	<u>\$1,835 66</u>
Paid salaries of Treasurer and Secretary	150 00

Paid traveling expenses of Supt. and Board, postage, stationery, &c.	375 13
	<u>525 13</u>
Sept. 26. Balance in the Treasury,	1,750 96
	<u>\$20,656 14</u>

For Church Building.

Sept. 22, 1891. Balance in the Treas'y \$1,642 53

Received on Apportionments.

Schuylkill Classis	330 00
West Susquehanna Classis	49 50
East Susquehanna "	67 95
Lancaster "	118 85
East Pennsylvania "	121 00
Tohickon "	170 22
Goshenhoppen "	230 00
Zion's "	39 68
Carlisle "	73 50
Juniata "	186 24
	<u>\$1,386 94</u>

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Part of loan paid by Second Church Harrisburg	\$ 84 00
Christ's Cheer Soc'y, York, Pa.	25 00
Mrs. F. P. Herr, Ridgely, Md.	10 00
Interest on Synod's bond	4 00
In't on loan to Maryland Cl.	16 50
	<u>\$139 50</u>

For Use Designated.

Johnstown, Pa.	1 00
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.	20 00
For Church at Roanoke, Va.	113 50
For Church-extension	34 90
	<u>\$169 40</u>

Church Building Funds.

Tohickon Classis Fund	195 17
W. M. S. of E. Penna. Cl. Fd.,	140 00
Santee Fund, repaid	150 00
Joseph Keely Fund	500 00
Irene May Thatcher Fund	500 00
Benjamin Riegel "	500 00
Rebecca Loudon "	500 00
	<u>\$2,485 17</u>

\$5,623 54

Disbursements for Church Building

Aid to Kansas City, Mo., Mis.	400 00
Loan to Ch. at New Castle, Pa.	100 00
Pledge to St. Luke's Mission, Lancaster, Pa.	50 00
Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.	20 00
Loan to 2nd Church, Harrisburg, Pa.	261 80
Insurance on Church, Sioux City, Iowa	84 00
Loan to Ch. at Lexington, N.C.	200 00
" " Wichita, Kans.	1500 00
Church Extension in Balt. Md.	20 36
	<u>\$2,636 16</u>
Sept. 26, 1892. Balance in Treasury,	3,187 38
	<u>\$6,823 54</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSELY, *Treasurer pro tem.*

We, the undersigned auditors, appointed to audit the accounts of the late Wm. H. Seibert, Treasurer, report that we have examined his accounts, compared

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Itemized.

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	\$3,187 38

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In the absence of a formal authorized report
presented to the General Synod next Spring,
Reverend Body a very general statement of the
of our missionary work in Japan.
to God, that I am able to say, that our work in
with indeed unexpected success. Ever since the
ations for the raising up of a native ministry, our
preparative, it requiring several years before the students
ough the necessary educational course. This summer
is course, and henceforth we may expect annual re-
of native evangelistic workers. The Training School
35 to 40 students up until the completion of our new
Since the occupancy of this new building during the last
number of students has increased at a surprising rate, till
an number of 119. Thirty-eight of these are candidates
country. Of the whole number 61 are Christians. This
in the number of students forced the Board, even without
in sight, in faith, to send out another missionary teacher,
already overburdened missionaries Hoy and Schneder, in the
teary K. Miller, who is now on his way to San Francisco, Cal.,
to sail for Japan on the 27th inst. With these three fully
can teachers, in whose hands will be the branches which relate
and more remotely to our holy Christianity, aided by several
the secular branches, the Board believes the force of teachers
strong for the present wants of our school.
had so large an increase of students in the Girls' School, the
as per last report, 43. A considerable inflow of new scholars is
the coming term. Since Miss Hollowell has been added, the
is considered adequate to the present wants of the school.
last several years the labors of our mission have, as already said,
devoted to the preparatory work of raising up a force of native
workers. As a consequence, evangelistic work proper has received
attention, Bro. Moore being the only one to whom this depart-

ment was committed, Bros. Hoy and Schneder rendering such help on Saturdays and Sundays as their oppressive labors as teachers in the Training School permitted. Now, however, that workers are coming out of our school, the grand aim of our work, viz., to win souls to Christ, is expected to go forward with new and growing activity. It is very clear then, that with increased activity and more widely extended labor in this department, it will become necessary in the near future to reinforce this branch of work by sending out one or two additional American evangelists, to labor in and supervise this department, manned as it largely will be, by those who in reality are but babes in Christ themselves.

Thus with the blessing of God's Spirit is our work and field of service rapidly growing in our hands. The anxious question, now more than ever before, is coming to oppress us, "Will the home Church sufficiently respond to this clear and loud call of God?" He has graciously blessed us in our day of small things, will we now with growing and brightening opportunities, rise to our opportunities and go forward under the leadership of Him who has promised to be with us always unto the end of the world?

Dear Brethren in the Lord, the Board appeals to you in the Saviour's precious name, to adopt such measures as will serve to so quicken the zeal of our Ministers and Members, as will enable it to press forward in the winning of souls, and in the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom even to the end of the earth.

Your brother in Christ, S. N. CALLENDER,
Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to report as follows: The following communications were placed in our hands, viz. The Report of the Bi-Synodic Board, and that of the Treasurer of the same Board, the Report of the Secretary of the Foreign Board, the Report of the Board of the General Synod, and a communication of Rev. J. G. Schmid, and one also from Rev. J. Muellhaupt.

From the Report of the Bi-Synodic Board, we gather the following facts, namely, that the transfer of our missions to the General Board has been fully made; that three missions have become self-supporting; that quite a number of new ones have been enrolled; that the funds have been increased by the gift of a legacy of \$1,000 from Mrs. Louis F. Wirt, of Hanover, Pa., and that six Church-building Funds have been received, during the year. The Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That Synod rejoices in this prosperous condition of the work, and commends it anew to the consideration of the Classes, pastors, and congregations.

Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand dollars recommended by the General Board for the cause of Home Missions, be assumed and apportioned among the respective Classes.

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to order collections to be lifted in their congregations for Church Building purposes.

Resolved, That the Synod does not see its way clear to comply with the request of the General Board by assuming the additional sum of five cents per member for Church Building, but that the Treasurer of the Bi-Synodic Board be instructed to pay over to the Treasurer of the General Board one-half of the collections just ordered by Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod assumes the sum of five hundred dollars for Hungarian Missions, and that the amount be apportioned among the Classes.

As to the appeal for aid in behalf of the Astoria Mission, Oregon, the committee learned that the necessary aid has already been granted by the Bi-Synodic Board.

As to the communication from the Rev. J. Muellhaupt with reference to Stockton, California, it is recommended that the matter be referred to the General Board.

In regard to the Foreign Work, the committee recommends the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prosperous condition of our work in Japan, and in the loud call for increased activity in it, as presented to us in the report of the Secretary of the Board.

Resolved, That this cause be again most urgently recommended to the Classes, and that the plan of interesting the Sunday-schools in this great cause, by supporting the missionary, Rev. Henry K. Miller, be approved by the Synod, and that the pastors and consistories be urged to aid the Secretary of the Board in his endeavors to make this plan effective.

Respectfully submitted,
F. A. RUPLEY, *Chairman*.

The Synod adopted the following resolution in response to the request of the delegates from the Portland-Oregon Classis to be excused for their failure to attend the present sessions of the Synod.

Resolved, That the Synod expresses its regret, that circumstances prevented the attendance of the delegates from Portland-Oregon Classis upon its present sessions.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, were elected members of the Synod's Board of Missions for the period of four years, and Rev. J. W. Pontius for three years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for four years; Rev. J. W. Pontius, for three years; Revs. J. O. Miller and C. Clever, for two years; and Revs. T. J. Barkley and J. C. Bowman, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer*, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 8th, 1892.

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Received.

From J. A. Hoffheins, D. D., for amount overpaid him expenses attending meeting of Conference Com. on Theological Seminary Building, . . .	\$ 24 34
From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund General Synod,	\$ 56 00
" " " Contingent Fund,	91 71
" " " Mercersburg College,	10 98
" " " Theological Seminary,	1 40
" " " Harbor Missions,	10 65
" " " Hungarian Missions,	9 26
" " " Wichita College,	240 63
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore,	9 29— 429 92

From Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund,	\$128 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	32 00	
" " " Mercersburg College,	41 00	
" " " For Mercersburg College Debt,	97 50	
" " " Wichita College,	2 35—	300 85
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund,	60 00	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore,	61 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions,	41 00	
" " " Mercersburg College,	43 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	11 00—	215 00
" Virginia Classis for Contingent Fund,	33 80	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod,	40 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	5 00—	78 00
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund,	60 00	
" " " Home Missions,	23 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions,	107 00	
" " " Harbor Missions,	110 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	24 00	
" " " Mercersburg College,	58 00	
" " " Church Building Fund,	107 00	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore,	75 00—	574 00
" Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fund,	138 57	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod,	43 71	
" " " Theological Seminary,	5 55	
" " " Harbor Missions,	13 48	
" " " Hungarian Missions,	7 24	
" " " Mercersburg College,	21 81	
" " " Wichita College,	30 00—	255 34
" Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund,	77 00	
" " " Mercersburg College,	67 00	
" " " Theological Seminary,	28 00	
" " " Harbor Missions,	55 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions,	35 66—	280 66
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund,	30 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod,	20 00	
" " " Harbor Missions,	10 00—	60 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer October 13th, 1891,		1,041 24
		<hr/> \$3,239 35

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Expenditures.

1891.		
October 16.	Rev. U. H. Heilman, expense auditing investment account of Treasurer,	\$1 75
" 26.	Rev. W. O. Cremer, expense of Synod,	25 00
	Rev. W. O. Cremer, printing tickets,	1 50
	Rev. S. N. Callender, expense as member of Conference Com. on Theological Seminary,	3 88
" 28.	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for Minute Book,	2 00
	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Freight on Minutes of General Synod,	75
	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Postage and Stationery,	12 00
	Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Interest on Studenour Legacy, due December 12, 1892,	12 00
" 30.	Rev. S. N. Callender, expense attending Bd. of Visitors,	1 79
	Rev. J. O. Miller, for Interest on Note in York N. Bk.,	3 75
	Rev. J. O. Miller, expense as member of Com. on Theological Seminary Professorship,	3 70
	Elder Israel Leuchs, expense as member of Com. on Theological Seminary Professorship,	3 70
November 5.	Charles Santee, Treasurer of General Synod Board of Missions for Harbor Missions, by order of Synod,	104 00
December 2.	Rev. J. S. Kieffer, expense as member of Com. to visit N. Carolina in interest of establishing a Theological Seminary,	34 33
	Rev. J. T. Bomter, expense as member of Com. to visit N. Carolina in interest of establishing a Theological Seminary,	28 58
	Elder J. Hoyer, expense as member of Com. to visit N. Carolina in interest of establishing a Theological Seminary,	36 39
1892.		
January 8.	Hanover S. F. Society, for box rent,	5 00
" 29.	Rev. J. O. Miller, Interest on Note in York N. Bk.,	3 75
April 14.	Reformed Church Publication House for Printing Minutes of Synod,	147 97
May 3.	Rev. J. O. Miller, Interest on Note in York N. Bk.,	3 75
" 14.	Rev. A. H. Kremer, expense attending Bd. of Visitors,	1 78

As to the appeal for aid in behalf of the committee learned that the necessary Synodic Board.

As to the communication from Stockton, California, it is recommended by the Synodic Board.

In regard to the Foreign Work the following action:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the report of the Secretary of the Board and in the loud call for increased support of the Secretary of the Board.

Resolved, That this cause be supported and that the plan of interest supporting the missionary, and that the pastors and committees in his endeavors to make it

The Synod adopted the report of the delegates from their failure to attend

Resolved, That the Synod support the attendance of the delegates at the sessions.

At the election of Revs. E. R. Esch and Pontius for three years to the Synod's Board of

MEMBERS

Revs. E. R. Esch and Pontius, for three years to the Synod's Board of

The Ann presented to the committee on follows:
EDGAR S.

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By increase in investment securities,	\$4 68
To Balance in hands of Treasurer Oct. 8th, 1892,	12 00
Amount of Endowment Fund invested in Mortgages and Bonds, bearing interest,	100 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	96 45
Premium on Bonds,	72 50
Total amount of Endowment Fund, \$36,110 94	3 25
INTEREST ACCOUNT.	52 98
To Interest received on investments from Oct. 13th, 1891, to Oct. 8th, 1892,	197 02
To Cash on hand Oct. 13th, 1891,	143 16
By Cash paid Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman on Salary,	109 11
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	243 10
By increase in investment securities,	69 29
To Balance in hands of Treasurer Oct. 8th, 1892,	75 00
Amount of Endowment Fund invested in Mortgages and Bonds, bearing interest,	100 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	7 90
Premium on Bonds,	7 62
Total amount of Endowment Fund, \$36,110 94	75 00
INTEREST ACCOUNT.	1 70
To Interest received on investments from Oct. 13th, 1891, to Oct. 8th, 1892,	1 00
To Cash on hand Oct. 13th, 1891,	107 00
By Cash paid Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman on Salary,	33 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	80 00
By increase in investment securities,	57 00
To Balance in hands of Treasurer Oct. 8th, 1892,	143 34
Amount of Endowment Fund invested in Mortgages and Bonds, bearing interest,	25 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	10 00
Premium on Bonds,	972 88
Total amount of Endowment Fund, \$36,110 94	\$3,239 35

Summary Endowment Account.

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By increase in investment securities,	\$250.00
To Balance in hands of Treasurer Oct. 8th, 1892,	418 40
Amount of Endowment Fund invested in Mortgages and Bonds, bearing interest,	\$35,157 54
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	418 40
Premium on Bonds,	535 00
Total amount of Endowment Fund, \$36,110 94	
INTEREST ACCOUNT.	
To Interest received on investments from Oct. 13th, 1891, to Oct. 8th, 1892,	\$2,092 77
To Cash on hand Oct. 13th, 1891,	132 45
By Cash paid Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman on Salary,	\$2,225 22
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	1,797 45
Total amount of Endowment Fund, \$36,110 94	\$427 77

Respectfully submitted,

October 8th, 1892.

Fellowship Endowment Account of the Synod of the Potomac.

Principal,	\$1,100 00
Accrued Interest on the same,	80 92
Total Amount of Fund,	\$1,180 92

Respectfully submitted.

HANOVER, October 8th, 1892.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance submits the following report. The Treasurer's Report has been audited, and found to be correct, according to the vouchers furnished by him.

The following amounts have been referred to your Committee for apportionment among the several Classes, namely: Home Missions \$8,000.00, Beneficiary Education \$4,200.00, Church Extension in Baltimore \$500.00, Hungarian Missions \$500.00, Theological Seminary \$75.00, Contingent Fund of Synod \$700.00, North Carolina Theological Professorship \$1,000.00. Making \$14,975.00. The following distribution of these amounts has been made, namely:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$2060.00; Juniata Classis, \$1226.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$1132.00; Zion's Classis, \$994.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$700.00; North Carolina Classis, \$634.00; Carlisle Classis, \$579.00; Virginia Classis, \$544.00; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$188.00. Making \$8002.00.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$1190.00; Juniata Classis, \$748.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$594.00; Zion's Classis, \$525.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$475.00; Carlisle Classis, \$361.00; and Virginia Classis, \$315.00. Making \$4208.00.

North Carolina Professorship.—Maryland Classis, \$250.00; Juniata Classis, \$154.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$142.00; Zion's Classis, \$124 00; Mercersburg Classis, \$104.00; North Carolina Classis, \$85.00; Carlisle Classis, \$75.00; and Virginia Classis, \$75.00. Making \$1009.00.

Church Extension in Baltimore.—Maryland Classis, \$125.00; Juniata Classis, \$75.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$75.00; Zion's Classis, \$60.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$60.00; Carlisle Classis, 60.00; and Virginia Classis, \$45.00. Making \$500.00.

Hungarian Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$125.00; Juniata Classis, \$77.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$71.00; Zion's Classis, \$65.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$55.00; Carlisle Classis, \$38.00; Virginia Classis, \$38.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$31.00. Making \$500.00.

Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis, \$20.00; Juniata Classis, \$18.00; Gettysburg Classis, 12 00; Mercersburg Classis, 11.00; Zion's Classis, \$9.00; Carlisle Classis, \$5.00; and Virginia Classis, \$5.00. Making \$75.00.

Contingent Fund.—Maryland Classis, \$171.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$106.00; Juniata Classis, \$103.00; Zion's Classis, \$89.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$65.00; North Carolina Classis, \$59.00; Carlisle Classis, \$49.00; Virginia Classis, \$47.00; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$18.00. Making \$700.00.

Further your Committee also recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to incorporate in the Minutes the arrearages of such of the Classes as have not been exonerated from their arrearages in the published minutes of last year.

Respectfully submitted, U. HENRY HEILMAN, *Chairman.*

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability.

2. The second part outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It includes a detailed description of the sampling process and the statistical techniques employed to interpret the results.

3. The third part presents the findings of the study. It shows that there is a significant correlation between the variables being studied, which supports the hypothesis.

4. The fourth part discusses the implications of the findings and suggests areas for further research. It highlights the need for continued monitoring and evaluation to ensure the effectiveness of the interventions.

5. The final part concludes the document by summarizing the key points and reiterating the importance of the research. It expresses confidence in the results and their potential impact on the field.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows :

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Brethren:—It is gratifying to be able to report a growing interest and encouraging progress in the Sunday-school cause within the bounds of our Synod.

We do not know of any Christian labor more pre-eminent in spiritual results, or more effective in increasing the membership of the Church. As previously reported, in a single State of our Synod, 18,994 members were brought into the various Protestant denominations through the instrumentality of the Sunday-school in the year 1891.

On the Allegheny Mountains there is a large limestone rock, and upon its surface are the foot-prints of birds and of wild beasts and the trail of the serpent. These were made, it may be, five thousand years ago, when the rock was soft and pliant, but the impressions are still there. Many storms have swept over them, and many rains and snows have fallen upon them, but no power has been able yet to efface them. The heart of the child is just as pliant, and the impressions for good or evil are being made upon it which are forming character that will exist when rocks and mountains have been swept away. Then how diligent, how careful we should be to imprint upon the fair surface of the child's heart that which will beautify life and glorify God.

The Sunday-school Conventions which have been held during the past year have resulted in much benefit in awakening increased interest in the work, and a broader conception of its importance.

Children's Day and the Church Festivals have been observed with commendable zeal, and, we believe, with excellent results.

We most respectfully suggest that Friday evening be set apart for the anniversary of the Sunday-school. We have selected the questions to be discussed, and appointed speakers as follows :

1. "The Sunday-school Teacher in his Study; in his Class; in his Life." Rev. Prof. William C. Schaeffer and Rev. J. B. Shontz.

2. "The Bible, the Catechism, the Lesson-Help, their Place and Use in the Sunday-school," Rev. Geo. B. Resser and Rev. C. S. Slagle.

Finances.

Balance in hand of the Treasurer at the close of the Synod, 1891. . . .	\$90.85
Received since that date	6.60

Total amount	\$97.45
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October 11, 1892 \$22.45
 submitted, G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

... and resolution were moved and adopted:
 ... in the bounds of all the congregations of the Synod per-
 ... the Sunday-schools in their communities, but who
 ... or carelessness, neglect this privilege; and,
 ... to organize in our Sunday-school Home Departments
 ... study the lesson by those who do not attend any school,
 ... them into our schools, and do a much greater work for
 ... this system having been extensively introduced into a number
 ... has the earnest support of a number of denominations with
 ... therefore,
 ... we recommend to the pastors and Sunday-school officers the
 ... organizing Home Departments with home lessons for the purpose
 ... the systematic study of the Holy Scriptures, and thus win for Christ
 ... the Church many who are now beyond their influence.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod,
 Rev. I. N. Peightel was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board
 for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. I. N. Peightel, five years; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, four years; Rev. W. I.
 Stewart, three years; Elder G. S. Griffith, two years, and Rev. C. S. Slagle, one
 year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head:

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connec-
 tion with item 18 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was re-
 ceived and adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had two thousand copies of
 the "Acts and Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Sessions of the Synod"
 printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them ac-
 cording to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was
 executed by the Reformed Church Publishing House, of Philadelphia, at the
 cost of \$147.97. The bill was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod.
 Unfortunately there was very considerable delay in getting them out, for
 which the Stated Clerk is not responsible. They were not ready for distribu-

tion until after the middle of February, notwithstanding the manuscript was expressed to Philadelphia before the middle of November, the usual time.

Through an oversight, the report of the special committee on items, 4, 5, 6, and 7, of the Report on Overtures, requesting the Synod to organize a Women's Synodical Missionary Society, was not included in the Minutes as printed. It is found in the Minute-book in its proper place, and, if so ordered by the Synod, will be included in the minutes of the present sessions.

Respectfully submitted, WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1892.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods:—The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States begs leave to submit to the Synods named its annual report:

During the year one meeting was held, September 7th, 1892. At this meeting but three members were present, viz.: George W. Hensel, James T. Reber and Edward J. Durban. In the absence of a quorum the Executive Committee met and authorized the secretary and treasurer of the Board to prepare the annual report to the Synods.

The books of the publisher and lessee were examined and verified by two members of the Board, and the gross receipts for the year exhibited an increase over those of the past year to the amount of \$3,121.52, and the total amount being within the limit of \$40,000, the basis of the guarantee, the treasurer received the \$1200 from the lessee as will appear in the report of the former.

It is to be regretted that the several members of the Board fail to attend the meetings, as their absence not only prevents organization and the election of the necessary officers, but also precludes the consideration and action on various matters of importance, among which is the undetermined and seemingly misunderstood question as to whether the Synods are observing the true intent of the contract with the lessee, notably in their printing and publishing contracts. This subject should be intelligently and fairly discussed on the floor of the several Synods, and a conclusion reached that will clearly and finally determine it, and that in strict keeping with the equities and rights of both parties concerned.

The advantages and benefits arising from a concentration of interests are so apparent in all the activities of life, that there should not be any occasion to plead for like purpose in our publishing interests, and there seems to exist in some quarters an indifference or lukewarmness, amounting at times to opposition in promoting the growth and prosperity of this powerful and valuable adjunct to our Church organization.

The direct pecuniary advantages under the existing lease, to the Synods, and which could be largely increased by concerted action, are shown in the following report as submitted by the treasurer, George W. Hensel:

Sept., 1891, to balance in hand at last report	\$4395.88
Jan. 2d, 1892, Cash from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D. . . .	300.00
Feb. 23d, 1892, Cash from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D. . . .	300.00
March 24th, 1892, Cash received from interest	197.51
May 14th, 1892, Cash from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D. . . .	300.00
Sept. 6th, 1892, Cash from Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D. . . .	300.00

Total on hand \$5793.39

Of this total, \$4800 are invested in permanent loans at five and six per cent. and \$1193.39 in call loans at four per cent

The term of Geo. W. Hensel, a member of the Board from the Eastern Synod will expire January, 1893, and it will devolve upon that Synod to fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication would respectfully report as follows:

The document placed in the hands of the Committee was the Report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States for 1892.

The Report of the Board of Publication complains of the non-attendance of most of the members of the Board at the one meeting held during the year; announces an increase in the gross receipts of the past year over the previous year of \$8,121.52; reports the payment by the lessee to the Treasurer of the Board of \$1,200 for the year, the total amount of sales being within the prescribed limit of \$40,000; expresses a desire for the intelligent and fair discussion by the Synod of the question whether the Synod is fully observing the true intent of the contract with the lessee, and for the clear and final determination of the question in strict keeping with the equities and rights of both parties concerned; and calls attention to the fact that the total amount at present in the hands of the Treasurer is \$5,793.39.

In regard to the matters thus presented for the consideration of the Synod, your Committee would recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod is gratified to hear, through its Board, of the good management and sound condition of its Publication affairs.

Resolved, That the Synod urgently requests the members of the Board to attend such meetings as may be necessary for the management of its affairs.

Resolved, That this Synod once more expresses its sense of the solemn obligation resting upon it, and upon its members individually, to abide faithfully by the terms of the contract made and now existing, between the three Synods interested, and the lessee and publisher to whom by said contract our publication interests were committed.

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly and affectionately reminds the several Classes under its care, together with all pastors and consistories of congregations within its bounds, of the great importance, for our church life and church work, of our publication interests; and urgently recommends that, in every pastoral charge, a distinct and energetic effort be made to increase the circulation of the periodicals of the Church.

J. S. KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

The Synod directed the omitted report to be printed in the present Minutes, and it is here given as adopted by the Synod of last year, after amendment, to wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITEMS 4-7 OF REPORT ON OVERTURES.

The Special Committee on items 4-7 of Report on Overtures submitted its report, which was received, amended and adopted. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Your Committee to whom were referred the several papers from Christian women, representing different sections of the Synod, begs leave to report:

First. That we sincerely rejoice over the missionary ardor and zeal exhibited in so high degree by these documents, an ardor and zeal consistent with the noble type of Christian womanhood, which is the product, and has ever been the pride of the Holy Religion which we profess.

Second. That we gratefully acknowledge the unfaltering devotion, the self-sacrificing faith and steadfast love which have characterized the work of women

in the entire history of the Church, and which so pre-eminently appear in the manifold labors of the present age, and in our portion of the Lord's vineyard.

Third. That we congratulate ourselves, especially upon the evidences of the increasing activity of our own women in the work of Foreign and Home Missions, and we hereby assure them of our thankful appreciation of their work, praying that the God of missions may abundantly bless their labors in behalf of their interests so dear to the heart of the Church.

Fourth. That while appreciating the desire to enlarge the sphere of woman's usefulness, as expressed in the requests submitted to the Synod; and whilst cheerfully ready to express our approval of their work, we deem it inexpedient to authorize the organization of a Woman's Synodical Missionary Society, trusting to the wisdom and discretion of woman for the direction of her own work.

Respectfully submitted, A. S. WEBER, *Chairman.*

The Stated Clerk was directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Samuel Hoeflich, three years; Hon. John Cessna, two years.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday forenoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock of Saturday morning's session. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. I. M. Beaver, H. F. Dittmar, and Elders S. M. Hench and S. B. Kissell, acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod and Sunday Schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, to whom items 9 and 10 of the Report on Overtures were referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ITEMS 9 AND 10 OF REPORT ON OVERTURES.

Your Committee, to whom were referred items 9 and 10 of the Report on Overtures, begs leave to present the following report:

From the Bethany Home Report we are much gratified to learn of the valuable property and well-equipped Home we have at Bethany with all indebtedness occasioned by the erection of the needed addition fully met. The present number of children in this Home is one hundred and two, all of whom with the exception of two are supported by the charities of the Church. The health of the inmates has been good. The moral and religious training of the children

as in former years in the church service, Sunday-school, catechetical class and family altar has received due consideration, and as a result of this seven of the children who had arrived at the proper age were received into full communion with the church by the solemn rite of confirmation during the year.

Practical industrial training is maintained in the Home to the extent of familiarizing the boys with farm labor in all its details, and the girls with the entire routine of domestic duties. We learn with pleasure that efficient schools are maintained in the Home for ten months of the year. Commendable discipline is enforced and encouraging progress in acquiring an elementary education reported.

The Board reports a deficit in the current expenses of the Home amounting to about \$2,000. In view of the above facts we respectfully recommend the following action:

WHEREAS, This Synod learns with much gratification of the increasing efficiency and prosperity of Bethany Orphans' Home; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby express our confidence in the able and judicious management of the same on the part of the Superintendent and Board.

Resolved, That we as a Synod pledge anew our sympathy, prayers and contributions for the care of the fatherless and motherless wards of the church, and that earnest efforts be made by pastors, churches and Sunday-schools to lift liberal collections in church or school, or both, during the approaching Christmas season, or at such other time as may best suit their convenience.

The communication from St. Paul's Home at Butler, Pa., informs us that a similar line of Christian work is conducted there. The number of children in this Home as reported is 60, a large number of whom, however, are supported by parents or friends. The intellectual, moral and spiritual culture of the children receives proper attention.

We further learn that facilities at hand would enable them to accommodate a larger number of children than now find a home and Christian nurture there, provided the contributions for this worthy charity were largely increased; therefore,

Resolved, That this institution be earnestly recommended to the confidence and charity of the Church as eminently worthy of patronage and support.

Respectfully submitted, I. N. PSIGTEL, *Chairman*.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S.," through its officers presents for the information of the Church, and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending with September 30th, 1892:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last report	\$3980.51
" from mortgages and bonds	8068.00
" " donation	2000.00
" " collections in the churches	1480.05
" " interest on sundry investments	1283.05
" " miscellaneous sources	168.91
Total	\$11,980.52

EXPENDITURES.

Cash for investments	\$8584.05
" in treasury	8496.22
" paid 37 annuitants	1885.00
" " for expenses	65.25

Total \$11,980.52

Assets of the Society \$32,880.27

In the past year nine disabled ministers and twenty-eight widows or dependents of deceased ministers have received aid from the Society. In the coming year, as far as is known, the number of those receiving aid will be increased. Nearly all of the amount in the treasury available for the purpose will be needed to meet the appropriations to be made at the annual meeting of the Society, October 11th, 1892.

The membership of the Society in the past year has been increased by the addition of twenty-five life and four annual or contributing members from the collections and contributions received, to wit:

Life Members: Revs. A. M. Schmidt, T. C. Leinbach, S. C. Meckel, C. Cort, D.D., J. E. Hiester, D.D., Z. A. Yearick, J. G. Dubbs, N. J. Miller, A. T. G. Apple, R. F. Gass, C. W. Schults, A. R. Thompson, G. W. Williard, D.D., F. A. Gast, D.D., F. S. Lindaman, J. M. Titzel, D.D., D. H. Leader, A. S. Leinbach, D.D., B. Bausman, D.D., H. A. Keyser, D.D., H. Leisse, H. Mosser, D.D., J. W. Steinmetz, J. W. Pontius and W. D. C. Rodrock.

Annual Members: Revs. D. B. Shuey, S. A. Alt, M. H. Diefenderfer and J. H. Stepler.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.
SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The following is a statement of moneys received and expended on account of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in U. S." within the bounds of your Reverend body for the year closing with September 30th, 1892:

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis	\$83.82
Mercersburg Classis	64.92
Junista "	51.86
Gettysburg "	48.50
Carlisle "	17.00
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EXPENDITURES.

Maryland Classis	\$225.00
Mercersburg Classis	100.00
Virginia "	100.00
Zion's "	75.00
Carlisle "	75.00
Junista "	50.00

\$625.00

We ask for a place in your Minutes for the enclosed statement of the operations of the Society the past year.

With the prayer that the Society may receive at your hands the encouragement it deserves. I am your fellow servant,

St. Petersburg, Pa., Sept. 30th, 1892.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

The following action of last year was reiterated, to wit :

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayer of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

The following additional resolutions were adopted, namely :

Resolved, That the Historical Sketch of the Society, read by the President at the Anniversary on Wednesday evening, be incorporated in the published minutes of the Synod, and that he be requested to have it also published in the papers of the Church.

Resolved, That the Classes be recommended to take due notice of the fact that this is the *Centennial* of the Society.

THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Brethren Beloved in the Lord :—The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, whose CENTENNIAL we begin to celebrate this evening, is the oldest charitable institution of the Reformed Church in the United States. The date of its formation cannot be accurately ascertained or positively determined.

The earliest records of the original Society have unfortunately been mislaid or lost—in all probability destroyed.

There is good ground, however, for believing, that as a "Widows' Fund," it had its origin considerably over one hundred years ago—as early as 1755, under the fostering auspices of the Synods of North and South Holland.

It is well known, that those Synods, together with the Classis of Amsterdam, took a very lively and deep interest already in the welfare of the German emigrants to Pennsylvania, nearly one hundred and fifty years ago. This interest displayed itself by the churches of Holland taking up collections for this *Widows' Fund*, as it was called, amounting to very considerable sums, from year to year, and sending them steadily or regularly over to America, for the use of the German Reformed Church.

Full and particular accounts or statements of the appropriations made of this fund were always returned by the Coetus, as the ecclesiastical body of our Church in this country was then denominated.

The fund, no doubt, brought relief to the stricken household of more than one minister, who had fallen at his post.

Accordingly, in the "Letters from Holland relating to the organization of the German Reformed Church," translated by the Rev. Dr. Dietrich Willers, by direction of the Synod, a number of years ago, and published in the *Messenger* at the time, mention is made of this *Widows' Fund*, as being in existence, to which contributions were frequently made, before and during the struggle of the Colonies for Independence, in sums of from 150 to 600 guilders, at a time, by the Reformed Church of Holland.

These contributions from Holland gradually ceased some years after the War of Independence closed, when the congregations became themselves able to make provision for the needy widows of ministers.

As near as can now be ascertained, the present Society was organized or formed one hundred years ago, when the Reformed Church in the United States became separate and independent of the Church in Holland, which was consummated by the action of the Synod held in Lancaster, Pa., at its session April 30, 1793, adopting a Constitution and Rules of Order, and changing its name and title from Coetus to Synod.

Showing the trend of things in that direction, the Coetus, at its annual meeting in the same city, June 27, 1791, proceeded to ordain to the work of the Christian ministry, without having first obtained the consent of the Fathers in Holland, the licentiates J. Philip Stock and Jonathan Rahausser. The former of whom served the congregations at Shippensburg, Chambersburg and surrounding points for a number of years; and the latter, Hagerstown and affiliated congregations for many years.

Henceforward, the Society dispensed its benefactions under Synodical supervision, and, although its annuities were limited, they nevertheless made glad the hearts of their recipients from year to year.

It would seem that the Society at first, and for a long time, did not exist apart and altogether independent of Synodical control.

If it was not, strictly speaking, a Synodical organization, it was, nevertheless, a voluntary association, made up and composed of the ministers of the Synod or Coetus, as the Synod continued to be denominated until 1793. And as such it acted, to some extent at least, under the Synod's direction and supervision, and was, it is said, "to continue at its pleasure." But at length, for the greater security of their funds, and also to give validity to their acts, a charter was deemed necessary. Application was accordingly made to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for a charter, which was granted March 10, A.D. 1810, by that body. The charter officers of the Society were: John Henry Helfrich, President; Philip Pauli, Vice-President; Samuel Helffenstein, Secretary; George Geistweit, Assessor; William Hiester, Assessor; William Hendel, Treasurer.

The association was originally, or at first, named "The Society of Guardians for the Relief of the Widows of the German Reformed Clergymen." This with the addition of "being members of this Society," became the title of the Society under the charter granted by the Supreme Court of the State in 1810, as already stated. The name of the Society was thus unduly long and cumbersome. Besides, the benefits were wholly confined to ministers, who were citizens of the State of Pennsylvania.

As an instance of well-applied charity by the Society, it may be mentioned that the widow of the sainted Winckhaus, one of the worthiest pastors of what was formerly known as the Race Street Church of Philadelphia, was kept from actual want by the relief extended to her by the Society for many years. Mrs. Winckhaus survived nearly fifty years after the death of her husband, who died in Philadelphia, October 3d, 1793, from that dreaded disease, yellow fever.

Another instance may be given that comes down nearer to our own time and locality, namely, that of the widow of the Rev. Jonathan Rahausser, of Hagerstown, Md., who outlived her husband also many years, and who was the last widow who was entitled to the benefits of the Society, as chartered in 1810. For many years she was an annuitant of the Society until removed to her Father's House on high, where there is bread enough and to spare.

The question may present itself to your minds, How did it happen that she could be a recipient of the Society's benefactions, if its benefits, according to the charter, were limited to citizens of Pennsylvania? The answer is, That her husband was a native of the State, and his first field of labor was in said State.

The Society as first organized and chartered was not only limited, as already stated, but seems to have lacked in other respects. It failed to expand with the

growth of our Church, consequently it nearly died out. In 1832, the membership of the Society was reduced to only four—some accounts say three—and there was actual danger of the corporation becoming extinct. The members were Samuel Helffenstein, Sen., William Hendel, Casper Wack, and Thomas Pomp.

These venerable men represented the fact to the Synod, held in Frederick, Md., in 1832, and requested the appointment of a committee to confer with them as to the proper disposition to be made of its funds. Accordingly, the Synod appointed a committee for that purpose, but the chairman of the committee, who was also President of the Synod, Rev. J. W. Dechant, died of the cholera on his way home from the meeting of the Synod, and nothing was then done in the matter. But the subject was again brought up at the Synod of Easton, Pa., the ensuing year, and another committee was appointed, with instructions to confer with the surviving incorporators, and request them to transfer their funds to the Theological Seminary, at that time located at York.

A joint meeting of the corporators and the committee was held, and after long and earnest discussion, it was agreed to submit the whole question for decision to the judgment of the Synod, at the next annual meeting, to be held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1834.

At the Pittsburgh Synod, it was wisely decided to perpetuate the Society, with such amendments and changes of its Charter, By-Laws, and Rules, as would present greater inducements to the ministry of the Church to become members of the Society.

The proposed alterations were submitted to the surviving corporators by a committee appointed by the Synod for the purpose, of which committee Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff, a native of this place, was chairman.

At the Synod held in Chambersburg, Pa., in 1835, the committee reported, that the propositions of the Synod of Pittsburgh had been accepted, and that the Society would be perpetuated, according to the wishes of Synod. The result was, that a number of the ministers became members of the Society, and it was reorganized, and it was resolved to apply for a new charter to the Legislature of the State in due form, and it was understood that a new charter had been obtained.

Meanwhile, however, little or no interest seems to have been taken in the affairs of the Society, and it was not until the meeting of the Synod at Norristown, Pa., in 1849, that the Society was organized under what was supposed to be the new charter.

Things ran along for several years in this manner, until at length it was ascertained that the new charter had never received proper legislative sanction, and consequently was no charter at all.

It had passed one branch of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, but owing to the hurry and bustle of business at the close of the session, it had been overlooked in the other branch of the Legislature, and so was of course invalid.

This threw the Society back upon the old Charter obtained from the Supreme Court of the State in 1810. Upon a careful examination this was found to require nothing more than an extension of its powers and a change of name or title, to make it all that was really desirable. An Enabling Act, as it has been termed, was applied for to the Legislature to that effect, and obtained under date of February 28, 1855, and is now in full force and virtue by law.

The title and name of the Society was changed to "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States." The Society's annual income was extended so as not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, from "the clear yearly value of five hundred pounds," as in the original charter. It extends the privileges to all ministers of the Reformed

Church, resident in any of the United States and Territories. It covers three classes of annuitants :

- 1st. The widows and children of deceased members of the Society needing aid.
- 2d. The widow and family of any deceased minister of our Church, if in needy circumstances.
- 3d. Disabled ministers themselves, who are members of the Society, and require pecuniary assistance.

The progress of the Society, numerically and financially, has been much more rapid since the Charter was revised and changed, twenty-seven years ago, and especially during the past few years. The invested fund then amounted to about \$5,000.00 ; now it is more than six times that amount.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *President.*

The Stated Clerk submitted the following report, which was received and adopted to wit:

REPORT ON PREPARING A CIRCULAR AND ISSUING THE SAME.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he prepared a circular setting forth the object and needs of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church, as instructed, had it printed, and sent a copy to the pastors generally of our beloved Zion. The expense, amounting to between twelve and thirteen dollars, has been paid by the Society.

Respectfully submitted, WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

The following report was received and adopted, viz:

To the Potomac Synod :

The committee appointed at the last annual sessions to represent this Reverend Synod at the dedication of the memorial stone erected to the memory of the late Rev. E. E. Higbee, D.D., LL.D., at Emmitsburg, Md., by the Public Schools of Pennsylvania, respectfully reports that it attended to its duties on October 31, 1891. The services consisted of the dedication of the memorial stone in the Mountain View Cemetery, and of a number of addresses delivered in the Reformed Church by members of the committee and others. The ceremonies and addresses connected with the occasion are fully reported in the November number of the *Pennsylvania School Journal*, a copy of which accompanies this report. The committee also presents a copy of the September number of the same journal, which contains two excellent cuts of the memorial stone, and the report of the monument committee under whose direction the stone was erected.

Respectfully submitted,

Emmitsburg, Md., October 10, 1892.

U. HENRY HEILMAN, *Chairman.*

Items 12 and 13 of the Report on Overtures were referred to a Special Committee composed of Revs. S. N. Callender, T. K. Cromer, and Elder S. B. Kissell. The committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely :

Your Committee to which was referred two copies of the "Order of Service" with the "Heidelberg Catechism," by Rev. N. Z. Snyder, and *The Anxious Bench*, for examination, beg leave to report:

We have given the books such examination as our limited opportunities afforded. We find the "Order of Service" to be a carefully prepared manual for the conduct of the service in the Sunday-school and Catechetical Classes, and as such is eminently adapted to the improvement of these services.

The Anxious Bench is a reprint of "A Tract for the Times," published originally a number of years ago. This reprint is to be welcomed as affording an opportunity on the part of the Church of to-day to procure an interesting part of our Church literature, for some time out of print.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

Item 6 of the Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. I. N. Peightel, C. B. Heller, and Elder D. Getzendanner. This committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Special Committee, to whom item 6 of the Report on Overtures was referred for consideration, begs leave to recommend, that a committee of five be appointed by this Synod to confer with a committee already appointed by the Pittsburgh Synod, and with one which in all probability will be appointed by the Eastern Synod, to arrange for a suitable observance of the Centennial landmark in the history of our beloved Zion.

Resolved, That the action of this Synod on this matter be communicated by the proper official to the Eastern Synod, at its approaching meeting in Lancaster, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PEIGHTEL, *Chairman.*

The committee called for in the foregoing report consists of Revs. J. O. Miller, W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and Elders J. Wetzel, and S. B. Kissell.

At the session of Wednesday morning, Revs. J. D. Miller, C. Cort, J. S. Kieffer, M. L. Firor and L. E. Coblenz were constituted a Reportorial Committee to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment, the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, appointed to report the proceedings of Synod for the use of the press, beg leave to report, that they have attended to this duty, and have furnished abstracts of the proceedings to the *Allegheny Tribune*, the *Martinsburg World*, *York Daily*, *Baltimore American*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Hagerstown Daily Globe*, *Hagerstown Daily Mail*, *Philadelphia Press*, and *Reformed Church Messenger*. Expenses 70 cents.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman.*

The bill of expense was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer, and the thanks of Synod were returned to the committee. In the same connection, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. T. J. Barkley be appointed to confer with the agent of the Associated Press, in order to arrange that our proceedings next year be reported to the Associated Press, and through it to the papers within its jurisdiction.

The following action was also adopted:

Resolved, That the pastor of the place in which the Synod meets together with the officers of Synod constitute a committee, which shall have in charge the arrangements of subjects for the several evenings, while the Synod is in session, and shall appoint the persons who shall speak, and shall inform them at least two weeks beforehand.

The following overture to the General Synod was moved and adopted, namely :

WHEREAS, It is evident that the office of Deaconess existed in the Apostolic and the post-apostolic Church; has always been appreciated in some of the Reformed Churches; is being revived by other Protestant denominations; and is so well adapted to the needs of much practical Christian work; therefore,

Resolved, That we overture the General Synod, at its next meeting, to authorize and define the office of Deaconess, and having taken such action, to send it down to the Classes for approval or rejection.

The following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to mature plan, &c., be instructed to inform the trustees of Catawba College and North Carolina Classis of the action of Synod in regard to establishing a Theological Professorship in connection with Catawba College, and that they enter into negotiations with North Carolina Classis and trustees of Catawba College as to further arrangements for establishing said Professorship.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Martinsburg, twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

At Monday morning's session a committee on leave of absence was appointed, composed of Revs. J. O. Miller, G. P. Stem and Elder G. W. Hartman. Those granted leave of absence by the committee, as well as others obtaining leave of absence before the appointment of the committee are marked by the letters of the alphabet as their names occur in Article II.—Delegates Present.

On motion, the Classes were directed not to receive defective or incomplete statistics from their pastoral charges, but require them to be made complete in all particulars.

At the session of Monday evening, Rev. T. J. Barkley, pastor of the Gettysburg charge, presented the Synod with a gavel made from a fence rail taken from the Culp's Hill section of the Gettysburg Battle ground, containing a Minnie rifle ball in it. The thanks of the Synod were returned to Pastor Barkley for the relic.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, having failed to furnish the proper report, the Stated Clerk was instructed to prepare the report from such data as are at hand. Accordingly the following report is presented.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

In the kind providence of the Great Head of the Church, by whom the Father governs all things, there was but one death in our ministerial ranks, during the

past Synodical year, the Lord being very merciful to His servants in sparing their lives for future usefulness.

Rev. Cyrus H. Reiter of the Juniata Classis was called from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, November 17, 1891, after a brief illness. He was stricken down by apoplexy about a fortnight before he died, at the age of 75 years and 1 month, having been born October 17th, 1816.

The deceased graduated from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, in 1855, when nearly thirty-nine years of age. His first pastoral charge was at Carrollton, Ohio, where he labored for four years. From there he removed to Smithville, Wayne Co., Ohio, and labored in the Bristol charge, and from there he went to Wadsworth, Medina Co., same State, and served the Union charge, laboring nine years successfully in both fields of labor. He was next called to the Aaronsburg charge in Centre Co., Pa., his pastorate there lasting seven years. He then successively served the Augusta charge in Northumberland Co., the Woodcock Valley and the Orbisonia charges in Huntingdon Co., Pa., each three years. His last pastoral charge was at Glenoe, Somerset Co., Pa. He then removed with his family to Marklesburg in the Woodcock Valley charge, in which he had labored formerly, where he spent the last few years of his life in retirement from active service, yet laboring in supplying vacant charges within the bounds of the Juniata Classis, as occasion required. For thirty-six years he was permitted to preach the unsearchable riches of divine grace.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac hereby tenders its hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the Reformed Church and other kind citizens of Martinsburg, who have so hospitably entertained us during our present annual sessions, and that we implore the richest blessings of the Lord upon them in the varied relations of life.

Resolved, That the pastor *loci* be requested to read the foregoing action to his congregation at next Lord's day services.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the management of the Cumberland Valley and Baltimore & Ohio Railroads for the favor of excursion rates granted to the members of Synod passing over those roads.

The Synodical roll was then called, and none were found absent unexcused.

The minutes were then read finally, and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa., Tuesday evening, October 3d, 1892, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 17th, at 9.15 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JOHN G. NOSS, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS. CLASSIS OF ZION.

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Aaron Spangler,	Trinity Charge,	7	550	340	70	6	34	5	439	6		18	10		385	1	145 00	2803 00	507 W. Market St., York, do	
Reuben Kahauer,	Without charge.																			York, do
Israel S. Weiss, D. D.,	Paradise Charge,	4	975	590	86	9	46	16	916	10		41	10		603		560 00	6357 00	441 W. Market St., York, do	
Alfred F. Dreisbach,	Shrewsbury,	5	720	610	61	55	21	620	6		14	5	404		404	2	270 00	1119 00	Shrewsbury, York County, do	
Phaon W. Snyder,	Mt. Pleasant Charge,	4	121	95	10	12	102		102			9	4	30	150		24 00	360 00	Red Lion, do	
Oliver P. Shellhammer,	Zion's Ch., York,	1	400	300	47	4	18	12	375	6		5	9	1	16	380	1	155 00	1550 00	411 W. Phila. St., York, do
Henry A. Bomberger,	Heidelberg, York,	1	340	125	13	2	22	35	224	3		30	5	1	53	412	3	116 00	2000 00	200 S. Duke St., York, do
Aaron H. Leisse,	Dillsburg Charge,	4	279	120	11	17	190	3				8	1		6			95 00	365 00	Dillsburg, York County, do
Isaac N. Peighted,	Grace, York,	1	157	76	12	9	28	148	4			4	1	22	273		1068 00	1213 00	North Hartley St., York, do	
Total, 11.		33	4262	2791	367	26	247	127	3599	44		55	131	41	166	3503	7	\$3339 00	20348 00	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infra.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Room.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	Off. & Ten.	B. Sch'l's.	Min. Stud.	Ben- evec.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.	
Joseph W. Santee, D. D.,	Without Charge,	1	630	347	40	29	9	520	13		7	42	1	59	500	1	\$1480 00	\$11127 00	Caretown, Washington Co., Md.	
George L. Staley, D. D.,	"	2	195	80	6	2	8	3	195	8		10	2	23	160		190 00	960 00	1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.	
Edmund R. Eechbach, D. D.,	Evangel. Ref. Church,	1	397	225	27	8	16	345	4			7	1	45	325		912 00	2236 00	Frederick, Frederick Co., do	
William Goodrich,	Clear Spring,	1	520	356	36	2	31	9	410	6		17	1	40	340		601 00	2229 00	Clear Spring Washington Co do	
J. Spangler Kiefer, D. D.	Zion Ch., Hagerstown,	1	435	275	13	1	19	2	325	4		9	1	37	330		573 00	2050 00	229 N. Potomac St., Hagersn, do	
Joel T. Roseller, D. D.,	1st Ref. Ch., Baltimore	2	673	490	19	25	10	485	13		6	10	2	17	150		159 00	2581 00	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.	
T. Franklin Hofmeister,	Middletown,	2	673	490	19	25	10	485	13		6	10	2	17	150		159 00	2050 00	Middletown, Frederick Co., do	
John G. Noss,	Silver Run,	4	164	85	11	3	9	17	138	11		3	3	24	218		75 00	1098 00	Middletown, Frederick Co., do	
Anthony Shulenberger,	Mt. Pleasant,	1	356	96	15	2	20	17	336	4		8	1	37	270		2019 00	3009 00	Silver Run, Carroll Co., do	
Conrad Clever, D. D.,	3d Ref. Ch., Baltimore	3	307	224	18	2	30	224				10	3	30	235		118 00	510 00	Mt. Pleasant, Frederick Co., do	
Silas M. Hensch,	Union,	1	160	102	10	4	17	4	122	3		3	3	18	157		239 00	920 00	518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., do	
E. Ranson Deatriek,	Trinity Ref., Woodbury	1	250	160	23	3	13	2	222	5		9	1	24	230		183 00	763 00	220 N. Market St., Frederick, do	
Henry Ditzler,	Taneytown,	1	150	75	4	7	100	5				3	1	8	20		24 00	553 00	Taneytown, Carroll Co., do	
U. Henry Hellman,	Church of Incarnation,	3	193	101	5	4	1	164	7			5	3	25	220		202 00	6275 00	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	
Barlow E. Carnahan,	Mt. Moriah	2	244	105	7	9	15	200	8			7	2	20	178		139 00	1700 00	Westminster, Wash. Co., do	
Calvin S. Slagle,	Westminster,	2	255	116	12	9	11	10	218	1		4	2	35	265		233 00	5275 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., do	
G. Albert Snyder,	Christ Church,	1	134	110	25	16	5	92	4			2	2	18	450		104 00	2518 00	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., do	
Adam S. Weber,	Faith Ref. Church,	4	380	342	40	11	8	359	9			6	16	4	325		247 00	931 00	2424 E. Baltimore St., Balt., do	
Geo. A. Whitmore,	Mechanicstown,	4	670	375	25	3	30	6	497	8		21	7	54	320		205 00	785 00	2424 E. Baltimore St., Balt., do	
Newton J. Miller,	Manchesster,	1	116	47	1	1	18	93	1			6	3	1	15		335 00	1150 00	Mechanist'n, Frederick Co., do	
Andrew T. G. Apple,	Grace Church,	2	202	117	5	10	5	193	3			6	3	21	153		74 00	1178 00	1714 13th St., N. W. Wash., D. C.	
Henry F. Dittmar,	Jefferson,	2	133	84	1	3	5	12	90	14		3	2	15	65		74 00	3745 00	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.	
George W. Snyder,	Boonsboro,	3	267	160	12	8	32	29	219	8		3	2	19	175		104 00	522 00	Boonsboro, Washington Co., do	
Marion L. Fior,	Union Bridge,	2	52	42	4	1	2	43				6	2	15	130		14 00	804 00	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., do	
James R. Lewis,	Sabillasville,	1	414	149	16	15	8	287	10			4	2	15	410		225 00	220 00	Sabillasville, Frederick Co., do	
Frank Lambader,	St. Paul's Ref, Balt.,	2	157	115	9	2	4	128	9			4	2	20	173		125 00	2469 00	616 N. Cary St., Baltimore, do	
Atwill Connor,	Glade,	2	117	89	24	4	17	111				8	1	10	78		52 00	493 00	616 N. Cary St., Baltimore, do	
Charles H. Brandt,	Burkittsville,	3	390	195	15	3	335	5				7	3	23	150		92 00	690 00	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., do	
Charles A. Santee,	Caretown,	1	114	82	12	3	10	95				1	1	18	118		135 00	585 00	616 N. Cary St., Baltimore, do	
William I. Stewart,	Christ Church,	3	226	144	16	1	12	5	198	3		2	4	3	198		285 00	1076 00	Caretown, Washington Co., do	
Isaac M. Moter,	Manor,	1	52	28	2	8	1	39	1			2	4	3	198		29 00	1503 00	422 Laurens St., Baltimore, do	
H. Hofmeister, Supply,	Fairview,		58	8353	4917	453	51	424	231	6803	166	32	236	59	759	6428	14	\$8252 00	75 00	Adamstown, Frederick Co., do
Total.																		\$52796 00		

Louis F. Zinkhan, Prison Chaplain, 109 Pleasant St., Baltimore, Md. Henry W. Hofmeister, without charge, Middletown, Md. Jacob B. Kerschner, without charge, Emmitsburg, Md. Hiram J. McAlester, without charge, 1929 Druid Hill Ave., Balt., Md. Charles W. Levan, Missionary, North Baltimore, 422 Laurens St., more, Md., and Gotthold A. Neef, Baltimore, Md.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd	Bap- tisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Treasurers.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Om. & Tea.	R. B. Sch'l's.	Stud. for Ministry.	Contributions.		Post-Office Address.	
					Inf'ts.	Adults.												Benef. Purp.	Conf. Purp.		
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	First Reformed, York,	1	350	175	21	4	16	5	310	6			6	2	465				\$631 00	\$3313 00	113 S. Duke St., York, Pa.
Aaron Wanner, D. D.,	Kreutz Creek Charge,	5	370	360	36	1	18	4	275		16	20	6	65	425				275 00	1300 00	137 Middle St., Lancaster, do
Aaron Spangler,	Trinity Charge,	7	550	340	70	6	34	5	439	6			18	10	385		1		145 00	2803 00	507 W. Market St., York, do
Reuben Kahanser,	Without charge.																				York, do
Israel S. Weiss, D. D.,	Paradise Charge,	4	975	590	86	9	46	16	916	10			41	10	603				560 00	6357 00	441 W. Market St., York, do
Alfred F. Dreisbach,	Shrewsbury,	5	720	610	61	55	21	620	6				14	5	404		2		270 00	1110 00	Shrewsbury, York County, do
Phaon W. Snyder,	Mt. Pleasant Charge,	4	121	95	10	12	102						9	4	30				24 00	360 00	Red Lion, do
Oliver P. Shellhammer,	Zion's Ch., York,	1	400	300	47	4	18	12	375	6			5	9	16		1		155 00	1550 00	411 W. Phila. St., York, do
Henry A. Bomberger,	Heidelberg, York,	1	340	125	13	2	22	35	224	3			30	5	1		3		116 00	2000 00	200 S. Duke St., York, do
Aaron H. Leisse,	Dillsburg Charge,	4	279	120	11	17	180			3			3	8	1		6		95 00	365 00	Dillsburg, York County, do
Isaac N. Peightel,	Grace, York,	1	157	76	12		9	28	148	4			4	1	22				1068 00	1313 00	North Hartley St., York, do
Total, 11.		33	4262	2791	367	26	247	127	3599	44			55	131	41	166	3503	7	\$3339 00	20368 00	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bap- tisma.	Infra.	Admits.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Room.	Exercises.	Deaths.	B. Reports.	Off. & Tea.	S. B. Reports.	Min. Stud.	Benef.	Contributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph W. Santae, D.D.,	Without Charge,	1	630	347	40	29	9	520	13	7	42	1	59	500	1	\$1480 00	\$11137 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.			
George L. Staley, D.D.,	"	2	195	80	6	8	3	195	8	10	2	23	160		190 00	960 00	1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.				
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.,	Evans. Ref. Church,	1	397	225	27	3	16	345	4	4	7	1	40	325		912 00	2256 00	Frederick, Frederick Co., do			
William Goodrich,	Clear Spring,	1	520	356	36	2	31	9	410	6	17	1	40	340		601 00	2581 00	Clear Spring Washington Co do			
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.,	Zion Ch., Hagerstown,	1	435	275	13	1	19	2	325	4	9	1	37	330		573 00	2050 00	229 N. Potomac St., Hager's, do			
Joel T. Rooster, D.D.,	1st Ref. Ch., Baltimore	2	672	490	19	25	10	485	13	10	2	17	158	1	159 00	1255 00	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.				
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	Middletown,	1	164	85	11	3	9	17	158	11	6	3	24	218		75 00	1098 00	Middletown, Frederick Co., do			
John G. Noss,	Silver Run,	1	356	96	15	2	20	17	336	4	10	3	37	270	2	1019 00	3000 00	220 N. Market St., Frederick, do			
Anthony Shulenberger,	Mt. Pleasant,	1	307	224	18	2	30	224			10	3	30	235		118 00	510 00	Mt. Pleasant, Frederick Co. do			
Conrad Clever, D.D.,	3d Ref. Ch., Baltimore	1	160	102	10	4	17	4	122	3	3	1	18	157		239 00	920 00	518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., do			
Silas M. Hensch,	Utica,	1	250	160	23	3	13	2	222	5	9	1	24	230	1	183 00	763 00	342 3d Ave., Woodberry, do			
E. Ranson Deatruck,	Trinity Ref., Woodb'ry	1	150	75	4	7	100	5			3	1	8	20		24 00	553 00	Taneytown, Carroll Co., do			
Henry Ditsler,	Church of Incarnation,	3	193	101	5	4	1	164	7	5	5	3	25	220	2	202 00	5275 00	Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa.			
Barton E. Carnahan,	Mt. Moriah	2	244	105	7	9	15	200	8	7	2	20	178	1	139 00	1700 00	Keadyville, Wash. Co., do				
Calvin S. Slagle,	Westminster,	2	255	116	12	9	11	10	218	1	4	2	35	265	1	233 00	2518 00	Westminster, Carroll Co., do			
G. Albert Snyder,	Christ Church,	1	134	110	25	16	5	92	4	2	4	2	18	450		104 00	931 00	Hagerstown, Wash. Co., do			
Adam S. Weber,	Faith Ref. Church,	4	380	342	40	11	8	359	9	6	16	4	42	325	2	247 00	785 00	2424 E. Baltimore St., Balt., do			
Geo. A. Whitmore,	Mechanistown,	4	670	375	25	3	50	6	497	8	21	7	54	320		205 00	1150 00	Mechanistown, Frederick Co., do			
Newton J. Miller,	Manchester,	1	116	47	1	10	5	193	3	1	3	1	15	85		179 00	1178 00	Manchester, Carroll Co., do			
Andrew T. G. Apple,	Grace Church,	2	202	117	5	3	5	12	90	14	6	3	15	65	1	335 00	3745 00	1714 13th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.			
Henry F. Dittmar,	Jefferson,	2	133	84	1	3	5	12	90	14	6	3	21	133		74 00	522 00	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.			
George W. Snyder,	Boonsboro,	3	267	160	12	8	32	29	219	8	2	6	2	19	175	104 00	804 00	Boonsboro, Washington Co., do			
Marion L. Firor,	Union Bridge,	2	52	42	4	2	2	43			4	2	15	130		14 00	220 00	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., do			
James R. Lewis,	Sabillasville,	1	414	149	16	15	8	287	10	4	4	1	39	410	1	225 00	2469 00	Sabillasville, Frederick Co., do			
Frank Lambader,	St. Paul's Ref., Balt.,	2	157	115	9	2	4	128	9	7	4	2	20	173		125 00	495 00	Boonsboro, Washington Co., do			
Atvill Conner,	Glade,	2	117	89	24	4	17	111			8	1	10	76		52 00	690 00	Union Bridge, Frederick Co., do			
Charles H. Brandt,	Burkittsville,	3	390	195	15	3	21	3	385	5	7	7	3	150	1	92 00	585 00	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., do			
Charles A. Santee,	Cavetown,	1	114	82	12	3	10	95			1	1	18	118		135 00	1076 00	Cavetown, Washington Co., do			
William I. Stewart,	Christ Church,	3	226	144	16	1	12	5	198	3	2	4	32	198		285 00	1505 00	422 Laurens St., Baltimore, do			
Isaac M. Motter,	Manor,	1	52	28	2	8	1	39	1				1	6		29 00	75 00	Adamstown, Frederick Co., do			
T. F. Hoffmeier, Supply,	Fairview,																				
Total, 37.		58	8353	4917	453	51	424	231	6803	166	32	236	50	759	6426	14	\$8252 00	\$52796 00			

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bap- tists.	Infant Admits.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Kroom.	Krausers.	Deaths.	B. Schools.	O.M. & Tes.	S. B. Sch's.	Stud. for the Min'y.	Contributions. Benev'nt purposes.	Cong'nal purposes.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
William M. Destrick, D.D.,	Without charge,	2	181	75	6	5	5	6	155	3			6	2	22	170		\$112 21	\$425 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jacob Hessler, D. D.	Supply London charge	1	440	325	15	7	18	13	350	8			9	1	25	300		525 52	1948 00	Fort Loudon, do
William C. Cremer,	1st Ch., Chambersburg,	3	472	210	13	7	13	27	368	7			11	2	40	350		559 87	1660 00	Chambersburg, do
Franklin F. Bahner,	Waynesboro,	2	345	261	15	1	10	10	318	7			12	2	41	241	1	201 95	1348 19	Waynesboro, do
Gyrus Cort, D. D.,	Greencastle,																			Greencastle, do
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.,	Prest' Mercersb'g Col.																			Mercersburg, do
George B. Russell, D.D.,	Supply Mont Alto ch.	1	98	34	5	1	9	85	2				6	2	1	12	115	45 00	200 00	Zallinger, do
Jonas B. Shontz,	2d Church, Chamb'g,	1	222	90	18	1	12	11	198	6			10	2	17	260	1	178 00	2062 00	Chambersburg, do
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Mercersburg,	3	369	259	14	9	24	10	276	18			1	10	3	42	248	752 99	2199 85	Mercersburg, do
Tugbman R. Dietz,	Shippensburg,	1	215	74	1	9	21	7	187	1			5	1	22	172	1	187 44	4702 00	Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Sefellen E. Stoffet,	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	201	160	6	1	6	9	163	4			1	3	2	42	275	236 51	1565 00	Waynesboro, Franklin do
Irwin M. Beaver,	Grindstonehill,	3	289	159	5	46	75	28	254	15			9	3	58	380		175 36	1493 00	Marion do
George C. Erb,	McConnellsburg,	3	167	84	6	1	3	146	1				4	4	24	160		66 30	288 94	McConnellsburg, Fulton do
Vacant,	St. Thomas,	3	175	83	6	3	8	4	156	1			6	3	20	115		85 00	449 21	St. Thomas, Franklin do
"	Lemaster,	1	18	15	4			20	17	2				1	4	20		9 16	1533 42	Lemaster, " do
George R. Zacharias,	Disabled,																			Upper Strasburg, Franklin do
John M. North,	Disabled licentiate,																			
Total, 15.	Total, 12.	26	3192	1829	114	86	204	145	2673	75.			18	79	26	369	2808	4	\$3445 31	\$19874 61

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	CONGRS.	MEMBERS.	UNORDRD.	BAPTISM		CONFIRMED.	CERTIFICATE.	COMMUNI- cants.	DISMISSED.	EXCOM.	RESOURCES.	DEATHS.	B. SCHOOLS.	B. B. SCHLS.	STUDENTS for Min- istry	CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					INFANTS.	ADULTS.											BENEV. PURP.	CONG. PURP.	
G. Wm. Welker, D.D.,	Guilford,	2	345	132	16			3	300	1			13	2	170	2	\$ 44 00	\$ 450 00	Lamont, North Carolina.
Jeremiah Ingold, D.D.,	Without Charge,																		Hickory, do
Thomas Long,	Without Charge,																		Salem, do
Jesse W. Cecil,	Without Charge,																		Thomasville, do
John Ingle,	Without Charge,																		Blowing Rock, do
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.	Pres. Catawba Col.,																		Newton, do
John A. Foil,	Prof. in Catawba College,	2	220	188	18		1	8	150	5			12	2	82		38 00	500 00	Newton, do
Peter M. Trexler,	West Rowan,																		China Grove, do
Michael L. Hedrick,	Without Charge,																		Silver Hill, do
Paul Barringer,	Concord,	2	211	143	6		9	2	151	1			3	2	118	1	105 00	465 00	Concord, do
Joseph L. Murphy,	Hickory,	3	148	120	28	2	4	5	140	1			1	4	3	184	68 00	1091 00	Hickory, do
Jacob C. Leonard,	Upper Davidson	4	404	127	28	6	23	11	305	14			5	5	4	246	146 00	573 00	Lexington, do
James M. L. Lysterly,	Central Rowan,	3	123	162	12		9	121	1								31 00	394 00	Maiden, do
David P. Leferer,	Alamance,	3	84	73	1				68	3			2	2	154		18 00	135 00	Burlington, do
Jesse Richards,	Without Charge,																		Lakeside, Ohio.
Andrew H. Smith,	Newton,	1	265	156	20	8	13	8	200	8	1	2	4	2	140		26 00	112 00	Newton, N. C.
Vacant,	Lower Davidson,	4	251	172	13			2	220				8	3	160		75 00	415 00	
Vacant,	Lincoln,	3	347	200	8	4	5	1	250	2			3	4	300		146 00	400 00	
Vacant,	Catawba,	2	343	246	14	1	1	1	240				9	2	290	1	183 00	351 00	
Vacant,	East Rowan,	1	26	23			5	2	25					1	50		4 00	13 00	
Mission,	Mount Bethel,	1	37	28	4			2	20					1	42		4 00	29 00	
Mission,	Mount Tabor,	1	33						28									265 00	
Mission,	Bethany,	1	29	3				2	25				7					500 00	
Mission,	Calvary,																		
Total, 16.		37	2866	1803	168	21	61	51	2243	36	1	8	50	31	2217	4	\$893 00	\$5593 00	

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconbr'd.	Baptists.		Confirmed.	Certificates.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Broom.	Breadstuffs.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stud. Min.	Contributions.		Offices, Tab- in S. School.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults.											Benef.	Cong.		
William K. Zieber, D. D., John C. Bowman, Thomas J. Berkley, John H. Hartman, Franklin A. Guth, Walter E. Krebe, William H. Herbert, Francis S. Lindaman, Benjamin F. Bausman, Oliver F. Schaeffer, Joseph D. Peters, George B. Reser, George P. Stem, Edward D. Miller, J. Marion Mckley, John F. Mckley, M. D.,	Without charge, Prof. in Seminary, Gettysburg, Litchey, Jefferson, Without charge, Abbotstown, Christ Church, Arendtsville, East Berlin, Second Hanover, First Hanover, Littletown, West Manheim, Cachtown,	2 4 5 3 3 2 4 1 1 2 3 1 1 2 3	380 621 660 525 700 380 288 471 360 268 180 340	340 580 635 335 495 295 175 275 155 155 130	14 51 66 31 41 11 10 26 7 17 21 22	6 1 43 3 2 13 3 3 14 8 2 1	24 1 43 14 22 13 19 36 14 2 11 6	17 1 2 6 15 12 3 160 295	330 585 640 405 600 367 259 320 294 219 160 6	2 5 5 5 12 3 2 2 2 7 3 4		12 15 30 22 18 9 18 16 16 11 3 11 5	220 150 520 205 350 2196 160 300 228 145 2 180			\$227 00 191 00 310 00 158 00 469 00 315 00 84 00 79 00 1183 00 217 00 81 00 103 00	\$7249 00 1000 00 3000 00 825 00 1527 00 1214 00 4931 00 2088 00 2375 00 1322 00 300 00 800 00	11 30 25 32 31 37 22 31 19 M'Knightstown, Fairfield,	Hanover, York County, Pa. 444 W. James st., Lancaster, Pa. Gettysburg, Adams Co., do Hanover, York do Cochran, do do Littletown, Adams do New Oxford, do do Littletown, do do Arendtsville do do East Berlin, do do Hanover, York do Hanover, do do Hanover, Adams do Hanover, York do M'Knightstown, Adams Co., Pa. Fairfield, do do	
Total 16.	12	29	5173 8745	296	18	225	107	4474	54			5108	232	194	6	\$3419 00	\$26601 00	236		

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bap- tists.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Broom.	Treasurer.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. R. Sch's.	Stud. Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Adults.	Inf'ts.												Beney.	Pur. Cong.	
Wm. R. H. Deatrich.	New Bloomfield,	3	360	144	23	8	3221	349	14	23	16	3	46	428	1	\$414 00	\$ 2209 00	Newport, Perry County, Pa.		
Amos H. Kremer, D.D.,	Carlisle,	1	295	110	5	13	2511	270	9	9	1	26	170	359	00	2250 00	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., do			
J. David Miller,	Duncannon,	3	186	77	10	2	16	3	170	3	6	2	41	206	189	00	854 00	Marysville, Perry County, do		
Wm. H. Grob,	Sulphur Springs,	4	216	107	6	4	10	4	184	0	1	8	3	21	140	177	00	746 00	Carlisle Cumberland do	
Jos. W. Bell,	Newburg,	1	144	71	4	3	6	3	136	4	4	1	16	93	365	00	575 00	Newburg, Cumberland Co., do		
George A. House,	Landisburg,	4	388	177	14	6	3416	288	27	49	8	5	57	324	481	00	1723 00	Landisburg, Perry County, do		
Solomon B. Schafer,	Without charge,																	Martinsburg, Blair Co., do		
Milton H. Grob,	Without charge,																	Columbus, Ohio. do		
Sam'l N. Callender, D.D.	Sec'y of For'n Missions,	1	253	117	11	6	1424	214	12	7	8	1	14	180	326	00	1275 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Pa.		
Vacant,	Mechanicsburg,	4	550	341	51	6	4710	482	20	13	17	5	48	368	552	00	1139 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland do		
Vacant,	Zion's,																	Blain, Perry Co., do		
Total, 9.	8	21	2392	1144	124	48	18492	2093	89	93	76	26	268	1909	6	\$2893 00	\$10,771 00			

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregati's.	Members.	Members unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. of Renew. Prof.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. School Scholars.	Brides. in Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benev. Purp's.	Cong'l Purp's.	
Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Elias D. Shoemaker, William A. Long, Calvin U. Heilmann, John W. Pontius, R. Leighton Gerhart, Samuel C. Stover, Lloyd E. Coblenz, Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Francis M. Line, Albert S. Glessner, John F. Moyer, Titus G. Strock, Simon U. Waugaman, Daniel G. Hetrick, Edward W. Stonebraker, Ambrose C. Geary, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant,	Without charge, Without charge, Hickory Bottom, Water Street, Martinsburg, Bedford, Dunning's Creek, Altoona (Trinity), Huntingdon, Everett, Sulphur Springs, Altoona (Christ), Woodcock Valley, Greenfield, Schellsburg, Yellow Creek, Friend's Cove, St. Clairsville, McConnellstown, Orbisonia, Clear Ridge,	3 344 3 426 2 315 1 165 3 281 1 244 1 249 2 106 3 302 1 455 3 328 4 466 3 193 2 145 3 164 3 343 3 294 3 95 3 70	100 204 185 75 176 185 88 71 216 223 168 410 120 136 319 132 56 50		14 28 18 8 13 23 10 15 19 13 10 30 3 2 4 10 3	7 11 4 3 4 4 1 1 6 1 3 1 3 3 2 4 1	28 42 10 7 5 11 10 5 29 11 3 1 1 9	10 318 15 380 11 277 4 166 3 248 31 210 29 216 3 72 11 248 7 343 3 178 1 274 193 120 143 2 305 14 213 58 44	5 12 19 9 8 5 8 11 11 3 4 193 11 1 1 1	3 5 4 2 6 3 2 16 5 2 6 14 3 4 2 5 1	8 3 254 5 2 211 4 2 180 2 1 128 6 3 174 8 1 241 3 1 173 5 1 100 2 1 250 6 3 221 4 4 420 3 100 4 2 165 6 2 92 6 2 254 5 2 157 1 1		\$180 00 635 00 337 00 154 00 161 00 215 00 323 00 153 00 175 00 376 00 135 00 221 00 28 00 86 00 103 00 467 00 137 00 400 00 28 00	\$850 00 1388 00 1050 00 1384 00 886 00 3095 00 1245 00 785 00 1361 00 2152 00 651 00 973 00 438 00 102 00 988 00 637 00 274 00 91 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa. 1850 Van Felt St., Phila., Pa. Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa. Alexandria, Huntingdon do do Martinsburg, Blair do do Bedford, Bedford do do Cesena, do do do 611 8th St., Altoona, Blair do do Huntingdon, Huntingdon do do Everett, Bedford do do Mann's Choice, Bedford do do 1505 12 Ave. Altoona, Blair do do James Creek, Huntingdon do do Claysburg, Blair do do Schellsburg, Bedford do do Loysburg, Bedford do do Charlestown, Bedford do do St. Clairsville, Bedford do do McConnellst'n, Hunt'don do do Orbisonia, Huntingdon do do Clearville, Bedford do do				
Total, 17		49 5010	3024	255	55	171	147	4006	109		21	90	37	3317	6	\$3918 00	\$18300 00		

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd	Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate	Communi-	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deacons.	B. Schools.	B. S. Soci's.	Min. bind.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.
					Inf's.	Adults		cants.							Benev.	Comp's.
John Gaantenbein, D. D.,	Without charge,	3	90	86	6		8	6	72		3	3	85		\$19 00	\$367 00
Jacob Müllhaupt,	Salem,	2	54	43	5		3	2	34		1	1	25		32 00	392 00
Julius Lange,	{ Meridian,		16	18	2				12							20 00
Gotfried Graedel,	{ Washington, Wash.,		22	24	7			5								
Radolph Staub,	Ballard,	2	114	93	6						1	1	33		81 00	300 00
Herman Liesmann,	Mink,	2	1	60	90	6			40		4	2	57		10 00	230 00
R. H. Staehli,	West Union,	1										1	62			
Vacant, no report,	Without Charge,	2														
Vacant, no report,	Sandy & Waldo Hills,	1														
Theodore G. De Lyre,	Napa, Cal.,		32	25	11		5		20			1	12		5 00	120 00
J. G. Schmid,	Without Charge,	1	79	83	10			70								
J. G. Biegert,	Astoria,	1	54	110	30		1	9	17			1	41			480 00
Vacant,	Seattle,	2	100	110	30		9	11	120		20	2	80		25 00	799 00
Theodore Wartmann,	Stockton, Cal.,															
	Portland,															
Total, 11.		19	921	572	72		24	33	478		23	10	395		\$172 00	\$3708 00

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Minist'rs.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom- muni- cants.	Names.	Deaths.	Sunday School.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for the Holy Ministry.	Contributions.	
					Infants.	Adults.												Benevo- lent Pur- poses.	Congrega- tional Pur- poses.
Zion's, -	11	33	4,262	2,791	367	26	247	127	3,509	44		55	131	41	166	3,503	7	\$2,339 00	\$20 368 00
Maryland, -	37	58	8,353	4,917	453	51	424	231	6,803	166		32	236	59	789	6,426	14	8,252 00	52,796 00
Mercersburg, -	15	26	3,192	1,829	114	86	204	145	2,673	75		18	79	26	369	2,806	4	3,445 31	19,874 61
Virginia, -	17	29	2,240	968	61	24	67	21	1,654	7		7	40	39	23	1,391	5	2,352 00	6,032 00
North Carolina, -	16	37	2,666	1,803	168	21	61	51	2,243	36	1	8	60	31	217	2,217	4	893 00	5,593 00
Gettysburg -	16	29	5,173	3,745	286	18	225	107	4,474	54		5	168	22	236	2,194	6	3,419 00	26,601 00
Carlisle -	-	-	2,392	1,144	124	48	184	92	2,093	89		93	75	26	268	1,969	6	2,863 00	10,771 00
Juniata, -	17	49	5,010	3,024	235	55	176	148	4,006	109		21	90	37		3,317	6	3,918 00	18,300 00
Portland-Oregon, -	11	19	621	572	92		24	33	478			23	10	11		395		172 00	2,708 00
Total, - - - 9 Classes,	149	301	34,159	20,793	1,910	329	1,612	955	28,023	580	1	295	888	276	1,828	24,158	52	\$28,653 31	\$163,043 61
Eastern Synod, - - 11 Classes,	246	491	89,131	49,608	5,569	567	4,597	2,362	72,151	1,362		41,177	2,907	595	6,896	61,877	101	\$119,285 00	\$390,717 00
Synod of Ohio, - - 6 Classes,	111	220	20,320	6,110	789	383	985	746	14,238	466	2	530	415	202	2,635	18,820	36	26,452 63	110,240 87
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes,	62	142	15,261	9,014	915	132	854	718	12,893	397	2	315	340	110		9,239	17	21,001 00	86,402 00
Synod of the North West, 10 Classes,	144	200	18,707	13,210	1,724	29	958	875	13,504	188	6	396	432	170		10,397	42	14,754 00	112,293 00
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	50	45	13,491	9,605	2,232	15	732	748	10,519	75	3	755	606	44	954	9,697	11	9,996 00	104,577 00
Central Synod, - 4 Classes,	84	116	18,959	11,252	1,259	63	867	869	13,836	184	6	409	504	107	531	11,704	24	13,202 00	75,687 00
Synod of the Interior, - 5 Classes,	39	68	2,802	1,465	148	46	153	15	2,090	40	2	98	38	59	485	3,131	2	2,978 00	17,269 00
Grand Total, 8 Dist Synods; 55 Classes,	885	1,583	212,830	121,057	14,526	1,564	10,758	7,431	169,314	3,292	26	3,975	6,130	1,563	13,319	149,023	285	\$236,321 94	\$1,060,229 48

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Twenty-first Annual Meeting.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, in Gettysburg, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-three. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the seventeenth and continued until the afternoon of the twenty-third day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in the Reformed Church of Gettysburg, Adams County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 17th, A. D. 1893, at 7.30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. J. G. Noss, the retiring President, from Luke 18: 8—"Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called, and a quorum was ascertained to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers:—Charles A. Santee, Andrew T. G. Apple, Charles W. Levan, E. Ranson Deatrick, George A. Whitmore,^a James R. Lewis, Barton R. Carnahan, Louis F. Zinkhan, Isaac M. Motter,^a Adam S. Weber,^b Silas M. Hench,^b Atvill Conner, Jun., and Joel T. Rossiter, D. D.^a

Elders:—Samuel C. Thomas,^a J. Henry Lampe, Greenbury J. R. House, Atvill Conner, Sen., H. Wirt Shriver, Samuel D. Piper,^a T. Carlton Rudy, Goldsborough S. Griffith, and Jacob H. Cost.^b

II.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—William C. Cremer,^a Franklin F. Bahner, Sefellen E. Stofflet, Jonas B. Shontz, and Zwingli A. Yearick.^b

Elders:—Henry Omwake, Isaac H. Keefer, Frederick A. Daihl,^a Samuel Hoefflich, and Samuel Omwake.^a

III.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—James B. Stonesifer, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Lewis Reiter, Calvin B. Heller,^a Albert B. Bauman,^a George G. Everhart,^a and William A. Korn.^b

Elders:—John H. Bauserman,^a John S. Crown,^a William H. Bargelt,^a Charles P. Matthaei,^a Daniel S. Rentch,^a and George S. Roller.^a

IV.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers:—Jacob G. Leonard and Joseph L. Murphy.

V.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—Thomas J. Barkley, Francis S. Lindaman,^a John C. Bowman, D.D.,^o Walter E. Krebs, J. Marion Mickly, and Oliver F. Schaeffer.st

Elders:—Joseph Sheeley,^b George N. Forney, Daniel S. Chronister,² Andrew H. Beitler,² and David Thomas.⁴

VI.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—J. David Miller, George A. House, James M. Runkle, and Samuel N. Callender, D.D.³

Elders:—S. Augustus Basehore,^b Levi Kell, and Charles Weirich.^{2a}

VII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., John F. Moyer, R. Leighton Gerhart,¹ Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Francis M. Line, Titus C. Strock, and John W. Pontius.⁵

Elders:—Jonas C. Imler, Samuel Sprankle, J. Nevin Knode, George L. Freet, Jacob L. Weber, John H. Stephens, and John Brewster.³

VIII.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers:—Oliver P. Schellhamer,⁴ Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D.,^o and Jacob O. Miller, D.D.

Elders:—Charles A. Shultz and Milton W. Bahn.

IX.—From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

Owing to the failure of the Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis to furnish credentials, the delegates from said Classis were admitted to seats as such by special vote of the Synod.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. John G. Noss occupied the seat of Rev. J. T. Rossiter, during the first three sessions of Synod. Rev. Edward D. Miller occupied the seat of Rev. J. C. Bowman, from Thursday afternoon to the close of the sessions; and Rev. Simon U. Waugaman occupied the seat of the Rev. J. W. Pontius, during the first four sessions of the Synod.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis:—Revs. John G. Noss, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Conrad Clever, D.D., Calvin S. Slagle, Henry F. Dittmar, Samuel M. Roeder, William C. Sykes, and Elder William H. Lakin.

Mercersburg Classis:—Revs. William M. Deatrick, D.D., and Jacob Hassler, D.D.

Gettysburg Classis:—Revs. Edward D. Miller, George P. Stem, John F. Mackley, John H. Hartman, and Elder Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis:—Rev. William R. H. Deatrick.

Juniata Classis:—Revs. Calvin U. Heilman, Simon U. Waugaman, Daniel G. Hetrick, Eugene L. McLean, and Edward W. Stonebraker.

Zion's Classis:—Rev. Isaac N. Peightel.

Eastern Synod:—Revs. Adam C. Whitmer, Thomas M. Yundt, George W. Williard, D.D., Jeremiah W. Knappenberger, and Elder Joseph L. Lemberger.

Pittsburgh Synod:—Revs. Simon S. Miller and Peter C. Prugh, D. D.

Synod of the Interior:—Rev. Dewalt S. Fouse, D.D.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Rev. W. H. Keith, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. J. R. Hutchison, of the United Brethren Church, and Revs. Drs. Swartz and McKnight, of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. J. O. Miller, *President*, York, Pa.

Rev. J. L. Murphy, *Vice-President*, Hickory, N. C.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick, is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. W. C. Cremer, *Corresponding Secretary*, Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. C. A. Santee, *Reading Clerk*, Cavetown, Md.

Elder Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Reading Clerk.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first eight pews from the Chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 and close at 11.30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4.30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, W. E. Krebs, J. M. Mickly, and Elders A. H. Beitler and J. Sheely.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, G. A. House, J. M. Runkle, and Elders S. A. Basehore and L. Kell.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. A. T. G. Apple, J. C. Leonard, J. B. Stone-sifer, and Elders J. H. Lampe and S. C. Thomas.

Overtures.—Revs. F. F. Bahner, J. L. Murphy, L. Reiter, and Elders F. A. Daihl and I. H. Keefer.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. A. S. Weber, J. B. Shontz, C. A. Santee, and Elders G. N. Forney and D. S. Rentch.

Examination, Licensure, and Ordination.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, S. N. Callender, F. S. Lindaman, and Elders T. C. Rudy and J. H. Bauserman.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. R. L. Gerhart, E. R. Deatriek, B. R. Carnahan, and Elders H. W. Shriver and A. Conner, Sen.

Education.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, W. E. Krebs, L. F. Zinkhan, and Elders G. N. Forney and M. W. Bahn.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, S. E. Stofflet, S. U. Waugaman, and Elders G. S. Griffith and J. H. Cost.

Missions.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, R. L. Gerhart, F. M. Line, and Elders H. Omwake and S. Hoefflich.

Publication.—Revs. B. R. Carnahan, S. N. Callender, C. W. Levan, and Elders G. L. Freet and J. L. Weber.

Finance.—Revs. J. F. Mayer, Z. A. Yearick, S. M. Hench, and Elders C. A. Shultz and H. W. Shriver.

Nominations.—Revs. J. D. Miller, A. F. Dreisbach, G. A. Whitmore, and Elders G. J. R. House and C. A. Shultz.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. A. F. Dreisbach, J. W. Pontius, O. F. Schaeffer, and Elders D. S. Chronister and J. H. Stephens.

Invested Funds.—Revs. W. E. Krebs, T. J. Barkley, A. B. Bauman, and Elders H. W. Shriver and C. P. Matthaai.

Auditing Endowment.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, J. R. Lewis, O. P. Schellhamer, and Elders G. N. Forney and J. S. Crown.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, and Juniata, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and amended. As such it will be found in its proper place.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overatures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services:

Wednesday Evening.—Centennial Services. Addresses by Revs. W. M. Deatrick and Prof. J. C. Bowman.

Thursday Evening.—Centennial Services continued. Addresses by Revs. S. N. Callender and C. Clever.

Friday Evening.—Educational Meeting. Addresses by Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and A. S. Weber.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Address by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins. Liturgical Services by Revs. R. L. Gerhart and J. D. Miller.

Saturday Evening.—Anniversary of Ministerial Relief Society. Addresses by Revs. S. S. Miller and R. L. Gerhart.

Sunday Morning.—Communion Services. Address by the President of Synod. Liturgical Services by Revs. E. W. Stonebraker and the pastor. Distribution of the elements by Revs. Z. A. Yearick, F. M. Line, W. E. Krebs, and C. B. Heller.

Sunday, 2 P.M.—Sunday-school Services. Addresses by Revs. L. F. Zinkhan and G. G. Everhart.

Sunday, 6 P.M.—Young People's Meeting. Addresses by Revs. F. M. Line, J. M. Runkle and C. B. Heller.

Sunday Evening.—Missionary Anniversary. Addresses by Revs. S. N. Callender on the Foreign Mission Work, and D. S. Fouse on Home Missions.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. A. T. G. Apple.

Methodist Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. J. W. Pontius,—evening by Rev. J. C. Leonard.

St. James's Lutheran Church.—Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. Z. A. Yearick.

Christ Lutheran Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, evening by Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

United Brethren Church.—Sunday morning, sermon by Rev. C. W. Levan.

Salem U. B. Church.—Sunday evening, sermon by Rev. J. B. Shontz.

Reformed Church of the Redeemer, Littlestown, Pa.—Rev. S. E. Stofflet.

St. Luke's Church of Christ Church Charge.—Rev. S. M. Hench.

Reformed Church of Carlisle.—Rev. B. R. Carhahan.

Reformed Church of Emmitsburg, Md.—Rev. A. B. Bauman.

Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg, Md.—Rev. J. F. Moyer.

Adams County Almshouse.—Sunday afternoon, sermon by Rev. J. B. Stonifer

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Thursday Morning, this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom the Printed Minutes were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming in our judgment, the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. The Standing Committee on Invested Funds is appointed, of which Rev. G. B. Resser is chairman.

Item 2, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, of which Rev. L. Reiter is chairman.

Item 3, page 6. An Auditing Committee is appointed, of which Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 4, page 26. The Classes are earnestly urged to raise in full the apportionments made for Beneficiary Education.

Item 5, page 26. The committee to collect funds for the liquidation of the debt resting on Mercersburg College, and also to secure such additional means as may be necessary to put the Seminary Building in a suitable condition, is continued, of which Rev. C. U. Heilman is chairman.

Item 6, page 32. One thousand dollars are to be apportioned among the Classes, and that as soon as that amount shall be secured, the Synod proceed to elect a Theological Professor to have charge of such instruction.

Item 7, page 32. A committee is appointed to mature plans for the raising of an endowment fund of twenty-five thousand dollars to establish and support theological instruction in connection with Catawba College, of which Rev. C. U. Heilman is chairman.

Item 8, page 32. It becomes necessary to elect four members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; two of them for two years, and two for four years.

Item 9, page 32. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect six laymen as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.; two of them to serve for two years, and two for four years, and two for six years.

Item 10, page 32. It will be the duty of the Synod to fill by election the vacancies that are about to take place in the Board of Education, of those members whose terms of service will terminate with this meeting of the Synod.

Item 11, page 32. It will be necessary for Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose terms of office will expire during the present month.

Item 12, page 37. The Classes are requested to order collections to be lifted in their congregations for Church Building purposes.

Item 13, page 38. The cause of Foreign Missions is most urgently recommended to the Classes.

Item 14, page 88. It becomes the duty of Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions for the term of four years.

Item 15, page 41. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Beneficiary Education, North Carolina Professorship, Church Extension in Baltimore, and Hungarian Missions.

Item 16, page 41. Assessments are made for the Contingent Fund of Synod, and for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 17, page 42. Certain arrearages are enumerated for Contingent Fund, Contingent Fund of the General Synod, Mercersburg College, Harbor Missions, and Beneficiary Education.

Item 18, page 42. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod in the place of Elder John P. Reed, whose term of service will expire on the 1st of next January, agreeably to the Charter.

Item 19, page 44. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board, to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 20, page 47. The Stated Clerk is directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 21, page 50. The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least in each congregation annually, on some Sunday before October.

Item 22, page 54. A committee is appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the proper observance of the Centennial Anniversary of the Autonomy of the Reformed Church in the United States, of which committee Rev. J. O. Miller is chairman.

Item 23, page 54. Rev. T. J. Barkley is appointed to confer with the agent of the Associated Press, in order to arrange that our proceedings for the present year be reported to the Associated Press, and through it to the papers within its jurisdiction.

Item 24, page 55. An Overture is sent up to the General Synod to define and authorize the office of Deaconess.

Item 25, page 55. The committee appointed to mature plan, etc., is instructed to inform the Trustees of Catawba College and the North Carolina Classis of the action of the Synod in regard to establishing a Theological Professorship in connection with said college, etc.

Special Meeting of Synod.

Item 26. The Synod accepts the offer of the Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary to lease said property to the duly designated representatives of the Reformed Church, elected a Board of five Directors, and instructed said Board to make the lease, select the president, and carry forward the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK. *Chairman.*

The committee under item 1 failed to report. For the action of Synod on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; on items 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 22, and 26, see Article XIII., Education; items 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 18, and 19 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 12, 13, and 15, see Articles XIII., XIV., and XV., Education, Missions and Finance; on items 16 and 17, see Article XV., Finance; an item 20, see Article XX., Publication; on items 21, 22, and 23, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on item 24, see report on Minutes of General Synod.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod reported during the session of Thursday afternoon. The report was received, disposed of item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

Your committee, to whom have been referred the Minutes of the General Synod, begs leave to report, that we have examined the Minutes of the General Synod, which convened in Reading, Pa., May 24th, 1898, and find the following items requiring the attention of this District Synod, namely :

Item 1, page 104. The District Synods are requested to urge the earnest support of Hungarian Missions.

Item 2, page 126. The several Synods are urged to increase their contributions to Foreign Missions, so as to yield not less than \$35,000.00 per year for the next three years.

Item 3, page 137. In response to the overture of this Synod last year, the General Synod recommends :

"*First*, The General Synod expresses its approval of the growing interest and charities of the Church in behalf of the poor and afflicted of whom there are so many, especially in our large cities, needing our sympathy and help.

"*Second*, The General Synod recognizes the scriptural right of woman to the order and work of Deaconess, and would commend the appointment of ladies qualified for this work in such congregations as may feel themselves ready to move in this line of Christian activity."

Item 4, page 153. The General Synod refused to sustain the appeal of Rev. H. F. Long from the action of this Synod at Hanover, Pa., in 1890, to the General Synod.

Item 5, page 209. The General Synod apportions upon this Synod \$900.00 for its Contingent Fund, and \$5,100.00 for Foreign Missions for the current year.

Item 6, page 226. The General Synod will meet in triennial sessions in Trinity Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio, May 27th, A. D., 1896, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

A. THOS. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

Items 1 and 6 were adopted. Item 2 was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. Item 3, the Synod, on motion, accepted and approved of the General Synod's deliverance on this subject. Item 4, was adopted, and the bill of expense of Rev. R. L. Gerhart ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of the Synod. The apportionments under Item 5 were accepted, and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment, with the understanding that only one half of the amount for Contingent Fund be apportioned this year, and the remaining half next year.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit :

Item 1. A communication from the Executive Committee of the Sunday-School Board of the General Synod concerning the new departures in the Sunday-School work of our Church.

Item 2. A letter from Rev. Dr. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College, setting forth certain facts in connection with that institution, accompanied with a copy of its last catalogue.

Item 3. A communication from Rev. J. Muellhaupt of the Pacific Coast, in relation to the transfer of the Portland-Oregon Classis to the Synod of the Northwest.

Item 4. A communication from the Missionary Society of the Juniata Classis containing a recent action of said society, petitioning this body to organize a mixed Synodical Missionary Society.

Item 5. A communication from a committee of the Eastern Synod concerning certain legal changes made in the charters of Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 6. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, recommending to this Synod the appointment of Elder G. S. Griffith as one of the members of that Board.

Item 7. Two copies of a Confirmation Manual, entitled "Sealed unto Christ," compiled by Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, with the compliments of the author.

Item 8. A booklet treating of the need of a Library Building for the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 9. A copy of a recent work, entitled, "Ned Hampden, or the Ravages of Intemperance," by Rev. I. A. Sites, with the author's compliments and an accompanying letter.

Item 10. A letter from Rev. J. G. Schmid of the Portland-Oregon Classis, concerning Church work on the Pacific Coast.

Item 11. The Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, for the year 1893.

Item 12. A copy of a brochure, entitled, "Our Marriage Service," being the property of the Reformed Church Publication Board, with the compliments of the publisher, Rev. Dr. Chas. G. Fisher.

Item 13. A copy of a book on Heaven, by Rev. Rufus C. Zartman, with the compliments of the author.

Item 14. A communication from Rev. L. F. Zinkhan complaining that the Stated Clerk of the Synod had changed the historical position of his name in the Statistical Table of the Maryland Classis, last year, placing it at the foot of the page.

Item 15. A communication from Mrs. M. E. Whitmore, President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, in reference to the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society within the bounds of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BANNER, *Chairman.*

Item 1. The communication was read, and the attention of our pastors and people directed to the matter. For the action of Synod on items 2, 5 and 8, see Article XIII., Education; on items 3 and 11, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on items 4, 10 and 15, see Article XIV., Missions; item 6 was referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to be nominated; the books and booklets under items 7, 9, 12 and 13 were received, the thanks of the Synod returned to the authors and donors, and the volumes were ordered to be placed in the Library of Mercersburg College; on item 14, the Stated Clerk of the Synod was directed to see to it, that the brother's name occupy its historical position hereafter in the Statistical Table of his Classis.

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CLASSES.

Minutes of Classes presented its report, which was received, disposed of as a whole. The report as adopted,

ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes report. The Minutes of all the Classes, except last year have been placed in our hands. From the following were obtained :

IRREGULARITIES.

Meetings without calling roll.
A special meeting, met twenty minutes later than the time called.
Meetings without roll-call, and without reading of

Minutes to record the election of Treasurer.
A special meeting, and transacted business without notice.
Oregon Classis failed to furnish the Synod with a copy of

REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Requests to be relieved from the payment of \$294.00 of the amount for Home Missions, and also \$45.00 for Church Ex-

ington Classis requests that its delegates be given an opportunity to be heard why it assumed only a part of the amount apportioned for Home Missions.

Classis, for reasons assigned, requests the Synod to confirm the acts valid of the special meeting, mentioned above under

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

All the Classes took favorable action on the subjects referred to them, as follows:

Indiana and North Carolina Classes on all subjects except on apportionment noted above under items 7 and 8.

Some Classes took no action in regard to lifting collections for Church building purposes.

Worcesterburg Classis does not see fit to order such collections, but recommends collections to be lifted for that purpose.

The same Classis does not acquiesce in the contemplated change in carrying on the work of Beneficiary Education, and assigns reasons for its non-acquiescence.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

11. Zion's Classis licensed Paul M. Spangler.

12. Maryland Classis licensed Lewis T. Lampe and dismissed him to the Somerset Classis; received the licentiates William C. Sykes from the Lehigh

Classis, and Alfred M. Schaffner from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, and ordained them to the work of the Holy Ministry; received Rev. Lloyd E. Coblenz from the Juniata Classis, Samuel M. Roeder from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, and Alexander Bateman from the Reformed Episcopal Church; and dismissed licentiate Gottholdt A. Neeff to the Portland-Oregon Classis, Rev. Charles H. Brandt to the Wyoming Classis, and Rev. Henry Ditzler to the Virginia Classis.

13. Mercersburg Classis dismissed Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D., to the Philadelphia Classis.

14. Virginia Classis licensed Albert B. Bauman, William A. Korn and J. Philip Harner and ordained them to the work of the Christian ministry; received Revs. Nehemiah H. Skyles from the Westmoreland Classis, and Henry Ditzler from the Maryland Classis; and dismissed Revs. Julius H. Shuford to the North Carolina Classis, and Alpha K. Kline to the Allegheny Classis.

15. North Carolina Classis licensed and ordained James D. Andrew to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and dismissed Rev. Jesse Richards to the Congregational Association of Ohio.

16. Gettysburg Classis licensed Charles H. Slinghoff, and dismissed him to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod; received licentiate Peter E. Heimer from the East Pennsylvania Classis and ordained him to the work of the Holy Ministry, and Rev. Milton M. Noacher from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod.

17. Carlisle Classis received the licentiates Samuel P. Stauffer from the Lehigh Classis, and James M. Runkle from the West Susquehanna Classis, and ordained them to the work of the Christian Ministry.

18. Juniata Classis licensed Homer S. May, Eugene L. McLean, and Bruce Griffith; received the licentiate William H. Landis from the West Susquehanna Classis and Harry E. Jones from the Schuylkill Classis and ordained Messrs. May, McLean, Landis and Jones to the work of the Christian Ministry; received Revs. Thomas N. Reber from the Lehigh Classis, and Lewis Robb from the West Susquehanna Classis; and dismissed Revs. Elias D. Shoemaker to the Philadelphia Classis, Albert S. Gleasoner to the Somerset Classis, Lloyd E. Coblenz to the Maryland Classis, and licentiate Bruce Griffith to the Wichita Classis.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

19. Zion's Classis will meet in Heidelberg Reformed Church of York, York County, Pa., May 15th, A.D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M., Rev. J. O. Miller, *President*; Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

20. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Silver Run, Carroll County, Md., May 16th, A. D. 1894, at 2.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. A. T. G. Apple, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

21. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Mercersburg, Franklin County, Pa., May 17th, A.D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. S. E. Stoffet, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

22. Virginia Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church of Rockingham County, Va., May 23d, A.D. 1894, at 8 o'clock, P.M. Rev. G. G. Everhart, *President*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

23. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of New Gil-
thead, Cabarus County, N. C., April 25th, A. D. 1894, at 11 o'clock, A.M. Rev. J. M. Lyerly, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*, and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

24. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Littlestown, Adams County, Pa., May 24th, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. F. S. Lindaman, *President*; and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

25. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Marysville, Perry County, Pa., May 17th, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. J. W. Bell, *President*, and Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

26. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Martinsburg, Blair County, Pa., May 24th, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, P.M. Rev. W. C. Shaeffer, *President*; Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

27. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet ———

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. WEBER, *Chairman*.

Items 1 to 6 inclusive were severally adopted, and the attention of those Classes was called to their irregularities. The request contained in item 7 was refused. The requests contained in items 8 and 9 were granted. The remaining items of the report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. RUPLEY, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Dear Fathers and Brethren;

It very quickly becomes evident, upon reading the reports of the several Classes, that there are special reasons for returning thanks to our Heavenly Father for His gracious dealings with us during the past year. Only one minister on our Synodical roll has been called away by death, during the past Synodical year, namely Jeremiah Ingold, D.D., of the North Carolina Classis, who departed this life last February at an advanced age. Not only have health and prosperity been granted our ministers and people generally, but a higher courage, a keener faith, and a greater hope with reference to the future of our Church pervades the reports than we have been familiar with in other years. It is plain that the centennial year by bringing home to us a knowledge of the past history of our Church with its heroic sufferings and triumph over apparently insuperable difficulties, has produced a marked effect. We have long passed the pioneer period; the foundations of future success have been well laid; it is for us now to go forward with wisely directed energy to the full realization of our hopes.

While this is true, there is no sign of abandoning the principles and customs which characterize us as a Church of the Reformation. The educational system of developing the Christian life is in no way losing its hold upon us. Ministers and people recognize the fact that a clear apprehension of the principles of our faith, is necessary for consistency of feeling and the right direction of energy. We are, however, coming more plainly to see that emotion has an

important part to play in all true and successful work; that faith and hope and love must for truest and highest efficiency be vitalized by a profound and fervid enthusiasm; that, indeed, our labor without enthusiasm will fail to bring us adequate returns.

In connection with this there follows, what we have full reason to look for, a direction of the energy of the Church into practical lines. The Sunday-school which has done so much to strengthen and develop the spiritual life of the young in the past, is receiving increased attention. Whatever means and methods can advance the interests of this department of the Church should be employed. Although we have made marked advance—in 24 years the Sunday-school showing a gain of 204 per cent., while the Church membership in the same period has gained only 84 per cent.—yet the total number of Sunday-school scholars is more than one-fourth less than the total membership of the Church. Though this may arise largely from the fact that many of our schools are in the rural districts where attendance is difficult and growth necessarily slow, it is well for us to have our attention most earnestly directed to this condition, that any defects existing in method, or any weakness following indifference may be remedied.

For we can rest assured that if the boy is the father to the man, and the girl the mother to the woman, we will fail to secure the man and the woman if we neglect the boy and the girl. Probably no agency of the Church did more to check immorality and infidelity pervading Christendom at the close of the 18th century than the Catechetical class and the Sunday-school. And it is probable that no agency of the Church to-day is doing more to multiply the number of admissions into our Church than our Sunday-schools, or doing more to draw young men and young women into active participation in the work of the Church, so we will be wise in redoubling our efforts to make our Sunday-schools as thoroughly efficient as possible.

As the reports of the Classes testify, interest in missions is growing in the hearts of our people. Apart from the need of widening the sphere of our labors in foreign lands, if we would be true to the commission of our Lord, it is a matter of supreme importance that our Home Mission work be extended as rapidly and widely as possible. Especially is this true in reference to the rich domain known as the West. Unless we are to be a kind of provincial Church, limited to a few States, this must be done. Unless we are to surrender the hope of playing an effective part in forming the religious character of our nation, and thus exert an influence in directing all its mighty energies, this must be done. Further, the call made throughout this Synod and other Synods of the Church for young men to enter the ministry, is being nobly responded to. At least 300 are now in our colleges and seminaries. Laborers for the field are coming forward, the field is teeming with the harvest, but unless the treasury of the Home Mission Board is supplied with funds the response of the laborers and the opening to our view of fields ripe to the harvest, will be all in vain. The opportunity of our Church has come; and furnishing the financial means is the only way in which the body of our people can co-operate in taking advantage of this opportunity.

The progress of our work in the past, plainly assures us that success awaits us in the future, if we can only be faithful to the opportunities opening before us. Let us, therefore, relying upon our Lord who has promised to be with His people to the end of the world, go forth into the new Synodical year with hearts strong in faith and hope.

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEIGHTON GEBHART, *Chairman.*

(For the Statistical Tables see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave to submit the following Annual Report for the Synodic year just ended:

At the close of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Martinsburg, W. Va., the Board met and organized by the re-election of Rev. William C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. J. David Miller as *Secretary*, and Rev. William M. Deatruck as *Treasurer*.

The good work of the Board has moved forward with a fair degree of progress, and your Board is happy in being able to report the past year as a prosperous one, under the benign favor of our gracious Heavenly Father. The amount contributed by the several Classes for beneficiary education, during the past fiscal year, has been somewhat less than the previous year.

Four of the beneficiaries, namely, Lewis T. Lamper, Homer S. May, J. Philip Harner, and Paul M. Spangler, completed their theological course of training for the holy ministry. They were duly licensed to preach the gospel, and the first three have been ordained; two of them, Messrs. May and Harner, are actively at work as pastors, within the bounds of our own Synod, and Mr. Lampe in that of the Pittsburgh Synod.

Four young men have been taken under the care of the Board with appropriations; two of them, Carl W. Plank and George W. Potter, at the request of the Juniata Classis, Scott R. Wagner at that of the Carlisle Classis, and John W. Gilda by the action of the Maryland Classis. During the year, thirty young men have been aided with funds in their preparation for the ministry from the treasury of the Board, supplied by the Maryland, Juniata, Mercersburg, Virginia, Carlisle, Gettysburg and Zion's Classes, as the Treasurer's Report will show. The beneficiaries at present enrolled stand connected, as follows: Juniata Classis, seven; Maryland Classis, six; Carlisle Classis, five; Gettysburg Classis, four; Mercersburg Classis, three; Virginia Classis, three; and Zion's Classis, three. They are Jacob S. Garrison, George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spessard and Louis C. Summer, *Seminary Seniors*; J. Calvin Bolger and Lewis P. Krome, *Seminary Middlers*; William E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner, William G. Welsh, and David J. Wolf, *Seminary Juniors*; Charles A. Bushong, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Ezra D. Lantz, Albert F. Nace, and Carl W. Plank, *College Seniors*; Frederick C. Seitz, *College Junior*; Amos T. Bennett, Moses A. Kieffer and Nevin L. Weidner, *College Sophomores*; and George W. Beaver, John W. Gilda, George W. Potter, Ross F. Wicks and J. Nevin Wolff less far advanced in their studies. It will be noticed that nearly half of them are seminarians, six of whom will graduate next May, thus largely reducing the list of our beneficiary students, during the present scholastic year, unless replaced by others.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the reception of the following sums for beneficiary education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting the dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where such have been given, so as to give the sum total contributed by

each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Virginia and Gettysburg Classes, where the sources of receipts were not specified.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the BOARD OF EDUCATION.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer of the Board of Education, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.*

Receipts.

Maryland Classis.—Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, \$105.00; First Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$71.39; First Reformed Church of Hagerstown, \$59.00; St. Paul's Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$46.00; Middletown Church, \$44.50; Silver Run Charge, \$41.58; Cavetown Charge, \$39.00; Glade Charge, \$36.00; Mechanicstown Charge, \$33.32; Taneytown Charge, \$33.00; Jefferson Charge, \$30.00; Clear Spring Charge, \$28.00; Manor Charge, \$28.00; Mount Moriah Charge, \$26.00; Trinity Reformed Church of Woodberry, \$25.00; Union Bridge Charge, \$17.00; Boonsboro Charge, \$16.00; Carroll Charge, \$15.14; Christ Reformed Church of Baltimore, \$16.00; Grace Mission, Washington, D. C., \$9.20; Burkittsville Charge, \$8.00; Mount Pleasant Charge, \$6.96; Manchester Charge, \$6.78; Faith Mission, Baltimore, \$6.00; Sabillasville Charge, \$5.10; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, \$56.25. Making \$807.22.

Juniata Classis.—Waterstreet Charge, \$95.00; First Reformed Church of Altoona, \$80.00; Martinsburg Charge, \$65.00; St. Clairsville Charge, \$55.00; Huntingdon Church, \$50.00; Greenfield Charge, \$40.00; Schellsburg Charge, \$39.00; Dunning's Creek Charge, \$37.00; Second Reformed Church of Altoona, \$36.00; Friend's Cove Charge, \$35.00; Yellow Creek Charge, \$25.00; Woodcock Valley Charge, \$25.00; Sulphur Spring Charge, \$23.00; Everett Charge, \$20.00; Bedford Church, \$17.09; Clear Ridge Charge, \$4.00; Nicholas Gruber legacy interest, \$112.74. Making \$758.83.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Reformed Church of Chambersburg, \$120.00; Waynesboro Charge, \$105.00; Mercersburg Charge, \$60.31; Second Reformed Church of Chambersburg, \$40.00; Grindstonehill Charge, \$35.00; Shippensburg Church, \$29.30; Mont Alto Church, \$25.00; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, \$24.00; St. Thomas Charge, \$22.40; McConnellsburg Charge, \$16.00; Loudon Charge, \$14.52; Greencastle Charge, \$10.00; Jacob Stoudenour legacy interest, \$12.00. Making \$612.58.

Virginia Classis.—Per Treasurer (sources not given), \$500.00.

Carlisle Classis.—New Bloomfield Charge, \$117.20; Landisburg Charge, \$58.00; Zion's Charge, \$56.32; Carlisle Church, \$54.78; Mechanicsburg Charge, \$46.68; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$41.32; Duncannon Charge, \$29.86; Newburg Church, \$8.08; Refunded by Ira L. Bryner, \$70.00. Making \$482.24.

Gettysburg Classis.—Per Treasurer (sources not given), \$390.00.

Zion's Classis.—First Reformed Church of York, \$110.00; Shrewsbury Charge, \$79.24; Trinity Charge, \$59.35; Heidelberg Reformed Church of York, \$34.17; Grace Reformed Church of York, \$10.00. Making \$292.76.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 6, 1892	\$ 243.50
Received from Maryland Classis	807.22
“ “ Juniata Classis	758.83
“ “ Mercersburg Classis	612.58
“ “ Virginia Classis	500.00
“ “ Carlisle Classis	482.24
“ “ Gettysburg Classis	390.00
“ “ Zion's Classis	292.76
Total receipts	\$8987.08

Summary of Payments.

Paid to beneficiary students of Juniata Classis	\$ 670.00
" " " Maryland Classis	600.00
" " " Virginia Classis	600.00
" " " Mercersburg Classis	425.00
" " " Carlisle Classis	433.57
" " " Gettysburg Classis	390.00
" " " Zion's Classis	292.76
Postage and stationery	8.25
Balance in Treasury, October 6, 1898	572.50
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	\$3987.08

We do hereby certify, that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and disbursements, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be \$572.50 on the 6th instant.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 10, 1898.

Z. A. YEABICK,
A. R. SCHNEBLY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:—

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following Annual Report:

The Board organized by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, to wit.: the undersigned as *President*, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier as *Secretary*, and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer*. An Executive Committee was appointed agreeably to the requirements of our charter, consisting of the aforementioned officers *ex-officio*, and Elders A. R. Schnebly and S. Hoeflich.

The educational work of the college, up to the close of the scholastic year, last June, was conducted as heretofore by the Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.,—the same as for eleven years previous—without involving your Board in any expense or debt, according to the directions of the Synod, at Woodstock, Va., in 1880. His presidency of Mercersburg College, which had continued for twelve years, then terminated, in accordance with the tender of his resignation to your Board last October, and which was formally accepted at the time, with the stipulation of the Board, that it should not go into effect until the end of the college year last June.

In April last, at a special meeting of the Board, Professor Wm. M. Irvine, Ph.D., was chosen as President of Mercersburg College, which position, after due and careful consideration was accepted by him. The co-educational feature of the institution was changed to one practically for young men and boys. Two parallel courses were adopted, each covering three years, as follows:

First.—The regular Academic Course, consisting of Classics, English, Sciences and Mathematics, which will prepare students to enter any college in America.

Second.—The English Course, designed for those who wish to enter a Technical College or University, or who desire to go into business. Latin and Greek will not be required in this course. A student in this course, however, by

making petition to the Faculty, may be permitted to study one Classic, in connection with the English course.

It was deemed necessary to make very extensive repairs to the Seminary Building, used as the college since the removal of the Theological Seminary to Lancaster, Pa., in 1871, the expense incurred amounting to about three thousand dollars. These repairs were commenced last June and are not yet fully completed. The halls have been wainscoted, repainted and papered from the basement story to the garret. New stairs were substituted for the old ones where worn out. The rooms have been papered, repainted and furnished with new furniture and carpets with the exception of five or six rooms, which had, during the last two or three years, been furnished with new furniture by certain congregations and individuals. The building has thus been beautified and made presentable, as directed by the Synod last year. The committee, specially instructed by the Synod, last October, to vigorously press forward the work of providing means for making these repairs, has not met with the full measure of success hoped for, so that a large portion of the expense incurred in making the repairs remains yet to be provided for. It may be proper, perhaps, to state that the committee succeeded to a reasonable degree in the collection of funds, considering the financial pressure prevailing in our country at large during the present summer.

Three hundred dollars of the mortgage debt have been paid since our last report was rendered to the Synod, leaving \$2445.00 of the mortgage debt unpaid, and \$1000.00 of the judgment indebtedness uncanceled, making the principal of the old indebtedness unpaid \$3445.00. It may be proper to remark, in this connection, that some twelve or fifteen hundred dollars were pledged for debt and endowment between two and three years ago, provided the whole debt were raised. These pledges were given by friends in Franklin County, Pa., and still stand, and will doubtless be paid if the debt be provided for in a reasonable length of time.

The college, under the new management, opened on the 13th of last month auspiciously, with some thirty students in attendance. This number has since increased to fully fifty students, forty-one or forty-two being boarders, and the others day scholars. Others are still expected during the present session. The Faculty, in addition to the President, is composed of Professor Charles V. Smith, who was connected with the college last year, Professor Oliver J. Morelock, who was one of the professors of Palatinate College last year, and Professor J. Rauch Stein—all graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, except President Irvine, who is a graduate of Princeton College, and also of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. All of them, it is believed, are well qualified and fitted for the positions they are called to fill.

The Board of Regents deems it desirable for the interests of the college that the membership of the Board should be increased from nine to fifteen members, and, if acceptable to the Synod, will make arrangements to have the Court of Franklin County, Pa., so change our charter as to make the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College consist of fifteen instead of nine regents.

Asking the hearty and continued co-operation of the Synod in carrying forward the work of Christian education in the only institution owned exclusively by your reverend body, the foregoing report is respectfully submitted, by the order and in behalf of the Board.

Gettysburg, October 20th, 1893.

WM. M. DEATRICK, President.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Respected Brethren:—According to instructions the undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the following as the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the year 1892-93.

At the opening of the Seminary in September, 1892, the following young men, eighteen in number, were admitted as students into the JUNIOR CLASS: *Almon G. Baker, Frederick William Bald, J. Calvin Bolger, Harry W. Bright, Harvey J. Crow, William D. Happel, Theodore F. Hermann, Hiram J. Hillegass, John C. Horning, Thomas H. Krick, Lewis P. Krome, Elmer E. H. Leinbach, F. J. Emil Muehe, Elmer S. Noll, Eugene P. Skyles, Howard H. Spohn, Gerney Weber and Harry W. Wissler.*

Of this number twelve are regular graduates: seven of Franklin and Marshall College; two of Heidelberg University; one of Calvin College; one of Bethany College; and one of Baltimore City College. Of the remainder two are graduates of State Normal Schools, three who had passed a partial course of study, one from the Keystone Normal School, one from Mercersburg College, one from Palatinate College; and one from Franklin and Marshall Academy. All the members of the class, however, graduates, and non-graduates, without any exceptions, pursued the regular course of study prescribed by the Synod, as theological students.

To the MIDDLE CLASS two new students were admitted: *James Riley Bergey*, regularly dismissed from the Theological Department of Ursinus College, and *Anselm V. Hiestler*, a graduate of F. and M. College and a student of Union Seminary, New York City. Christopher Noss was dismissed to Union Seminary, but with the intention of returning and pursuing the studies of the Senior Class in the Seminary at Lancaster; and John W. Buck, at the instance of the Board and Faculty, suspended his studies in the Seminary for the present, with the view of pursuing a preparatory course of studies for two years in Palatinate College. With these changes the Middle Class consists of the same number of students, twenty-three in all, as reported to Synod one year ago.

The SENIOR CLASS was enlarged by the addition of one new member, *Carl F. Dewitz*, who presented a regular dismission from the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio. The members of this class, twenty-three in number, having completed the course of studies prescribed by the Synod, and having, moreover, sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were regularly dismissed at the end of the Seminary year, and awarded the usual *Testimonial* to that effect, at the *Anniversary* of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows:—*Charles C. Clark, Carl F. Dewitz, Samuel H. Dietzel, George A. Dreibelbie, Lawrence S. Faust, David H. Fouse, Bruce Griffith, J. Philip Harner, David Milton Jones, David W. Kerr, Lewis T. Lampe, William Henry Landis, George E. Lambert, B. Franklin Luckenbill, Homer Skyles May, Eugene L. McLean, Benjamin M. Meyer, John N. Naly, Takeo Noya, James M. Runkle, Alfred M. Schaffner, William C. Sykes, and William B. Werner.*

Thus there were sixty-four students connected with the Institution during the last year, four more than during the preceding year, and a gratifying increase over the number in attendance during all previous years. The examination, oral and written, together with the sermons of the Senior class, were satisfactory; the professors endeavoured to discharge their duties according to the best of their abilities, and as it regards moral and Christian conduct, and the industry of the students in the prosecution of their studies, there is no room for complaint. As reported last year, they have continued to be active in Sunday school and Missionary work this year also, and the more advanced among them, in preaching the Gospel in different places as supplies for vacant pulpits as far as their other duties would allow.

As usual several of the students were under the necessity of absenting themselves from the Seminary part of the time, in order to replenish their financial resources, by engaging in teaching school. This is a matter for regret. There should be no necessity of this kind, and the Churches should be always ready in such cases to supply every student with the means, whereby he may be able to pursue his studies without interruption.

Following the example of the Class of 1892, which established the Prize Essay in Sacred Rhetoric, the Class of 1893, with the approbation of the Faculty and the Board, agreed to create a fund of at least five hundred dollars (\$500), the interest of which shall each year be awarded to that member of the *Middle Class*, who upon being examined before three judges shall by them be pronounced the best *Hebrew* scholar and Old Testament *Exegete*. The Prize to be called "*The Centennial Class Prize in Hebrew*."

It is recommended that the services of the Teacher of Elocution, which as in previous years have been satisfactory, be continued for another year. In that event it will be incumbent on the Synod of the Potomac to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary \$75.00, to assist in paying the salary of the Professor.

It may be proper for us here to add that the new building for the use of the Seminary is in process of erection, and that when finished, it will without any doubt present a fine appearance. Providence permitting, it will be dedicated during the ensuing year. The success of this movement thus far has been a matter of surprise to many who feared that the Church would not respond in furnishing the funds needed for the erection of the building as proposed. Up to the present time, they have exceeded expectations. For the want of money, however, the foundations of the Library Hall, which is to be an annex to the main building, have not been laid, but it is hoped that there will be no delay in finishing that building also. It is an object worthy the attention of our members, especially of such as are wealthy, and invites them now to come forward with their gifts to complete the noble structure, whose corner-stone was laid last June at the commencement of the college.

The Board of Visitors has endeavored to discharge its duties in its supervision of the Seminary during another year, and now, in conclusion, we feel it to be our duty to say, with some degree of emphasis, that the increasing prosperity of our Seminary and other institutions of learning at Lancaster is truly a matter which should call forth devout gratitude to God in all our churches for His blessing on the work of our hands. Founded in great weakness by the fathers, in faith and prayer, they are becoming more and more fruitful with each revolving year. With our increasing facilities for the supply of our vacant congregations with pastors, and for extending our missionary field, all alike should be encouraged to go forward in building up the kingdom of God in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., October.

THEODORE APPEL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

HARRISBURG, September 26, 1893.

To the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I enclose the Annual Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave further to report that the Board of Trustees held three meetings during the year. The first one was held on January 25th, 1893, at the American House, Lancaster, Pa. An appropriate announcement of the death of George W. Hensel, President, was made by Jacob Heyser, President, *pro tem.*, and proper action was taken.

The Building Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod reported that it had purchased the ground for the site of the new Seminary building for \$10,875; and the action of the Building Committee was ratified and approved.

The second meeting was held on May 11th, 1893, in the First Church, Lancaster, Pa. The following officers were elected:

George N. Forney, President; John D. Skiles, Vice-President; George Z. Kunkel, Secretary; John B. Roth, Treasurer.

Rev. A. E. Truxal appeared before the Board in behalf of the Endowment Committee of Pittsburgh Synod, to call attention to its claim for interest on funds in the hands of the Board. As there was an evident misapprehension by Pittsburgh Synod of the action of the Board, the Secretary was instructed to furnish Rev. Truxal with a copy of the action of the Board of Sept. 22d, 1892, to present to the Pittsburgh Synod.

J. W. Bickell, Esq., of Norristown, appeared before the Board in behalf of a committee from the Eastern Synod, and presented the amendments to the Charter of the Theological Seminary; the same were approved, and the President and Secretary were directed to seal the same with the common and corporate seal, and execute all necessary instruments to secure the said amendments to the Charter of this corporation.

The third meeting was held Sept. 22d, 1893, in the First Reformed Church, Lancaster, Pa. The committee appointed to have the amendments to the Charter approved by the courts, reported that they had done so, and received said approval.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D.D., laid before the Board a letter from Mr. John L. Riegel, of Riegelsville, Pa., containing four notes of \$3,920 each, falling due respectively July 30th, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, without interest; in all, \$15,680. The interest of said fund to be devoted to the contingent expenses of the Seminary Building at Lancaster, Pa.

The Board accepted the generous gift, and directed the letter to be entered on the minutes, and also the letter and resolutions passed by the Board, copies of which were sent to Mr. Riegel.

The fund is to be known as "The John L. Riegel Fund."

In regard to Centennial offerings, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to hand over the "Centennial offerings" in the General Fund to the Building Fund, if not otherwise designated.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE Z. KUNKEL, *Secretary*.

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dr.

1892, Sept. 22.	For amount of Endowment Fund, as per account rendered September 22d, 1892	\$83,191 26
" Dec. 22.	Building Fund transferred to Fund as per action of Board	12,920 62
	Legacy received from Elizabeth Wagoner, of Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., per Joseph C. Wagoner, Executor	422 07
1893, Mar. 24.	Received of St. John's Reformed Congregation of Shamokin, Pa., C. C. Leader, Treasurer	250 00
" July 14.	Received of Jacob Bausman, Treasurer of F. & M. College, the one-third net income from the Wilhelm Estate, to June, 1893	844 74
" July 14.	Received of C. A. Shultz, Treasurer of Zion's Classis, as a Centennial offering from First Reformed Church of York, Pa.	53 06
" July 25.	Received of Rev. George Everhart, of Shepherdstown Charge, as a Centennial offering	8 00
" May 8.	Received of Isaac G. Gerhart, Treasurer of Tohickon Classis	171 45
		<hr/> \$97,861 20

Cr.

1892, Sept. 22.	By Bond of Mrs. Anna Eyerman, not collectable	\$1,000 00
" Sept. 22.	Bond of St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, returned, 1,000 00	
	Less amount transferred from Endowment Fund to credit of Pittsburgh Prof. Fund	1,353 08
		<hr/> 3,353 08
To September 22d, 1893		\$94,508 12

Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary, from Sept. 22, 1892 to Sept. 22, 1893.

Dr.

1892, Sept. 22.	To balance due Theological Seminary	\$268 80
1893, Sept. 22.	Sundry incomes and interest received	5,417 97
		<hr/> \$5,686 77

		Cr.	
1893, Sept. 22.	By salary and sundry bills paid as per vouchers	\$6,012 01	
	Amount Dr. down	5,988 77	
1893, Sept. 22.	Due Treasurer		\$325 24
	Library Fund. Principal is	\$1,819 96	
		Dr.	
1892, Sept. 22.	To balance due Library		\$125 93
1893, Sept. 5.	To interest received to date		68 99
			<hr/> \$191 92
		Cr.	
1893, Sept. 5.	By sundry bills paid		91 86
1893, Sept. 22.	Balance due Library Fund		\$100 06
		The William A. Will Fund.	
1893, Sept. 22.	Amount of Fund is		\$833 33
	Interest accounted for in current expense account of Theological Seminary, to Sept. 22, 1893.		
	Smeltz Fund Principal is	\$5,000 00	
		Dr.	
	For sundry interest received to October 1, 1893	275 00	
		Cr.	
1893, Oct. 1.	By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D.D., Treasurer	275 00	
		Pittsburgh Professorship Fund Account.	
1892, Sept. 22.	For Principal of Fund as per account	\$2,735 75	
	For interest allowed on October 1, 1893	134 36	
	" " to \$1,718 30 from October 1, 1877 to October 1, 1892, at 5 per cent., as per action of Seminary Board had September 22, 1892	\$1,288 65	
	Interest on same to October 1, 1893	64 43	
			<hr/> 1,353 08
1893, Oct. 1.	Amount of Pittsburgh Professorship Fund is	\$4,223 19	
		Prize Essay Fund in Church History.	
	Principal of Fund is	\$2,000 75	
		Dr.	
1893, Sept. 22.	For interest due fund to October 1, 1893	175 00	
		Cr.	
	By amount paid George A. Dreifelbies as per award of com- mittee (gold)	\$100 00	
	By cash paid E. V. Gerhart, D.D.	1 00	\$101 00
1893, Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund		<hr/> \$74 00
		Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.	
		Dr.	
1893, May 8.	For amount received as principal of W. M. Irvine		\$90 00
" May 8.	Received from same as a Prize for Class of '92	\$15 00	
	Interest on Fund to October 1, 1893	1 91	
			<hr/> \$16 91
		Cr.	
1893, May 11.	By amount paid A. V. Hiester Class Prize of '92	15 00	
		Due Fund October 1, 1893	<hr/> \$1 91
		Theological Seminary Aid Fund.	
		Dr.	
1892, Sept. 26.	For amount received of Schuylkill Classis. Elocution	\$13 00	
" Oct. 11.	" " " " W. Susq. Elocution	6 00	
" Oct. 12.	" " " " E. Susq. Classis. Elocution	5 15	
1893, Jan. 18.	" " " " Lehigh Classis. Elocution	14 00	
" May 2.	" " " " Goehnhoppen Classis. Elocution	11 00	
" May 5.	" " " " E. Penna. Classis. Elocution	24 00	
" May 18.	" " " " Philadelphia Classis. Elocution	3 00	
" June 13.	" " " " E. Susq. Classis. Elocution	3 10	
" July 10.	" " " " Tohickon Classis. Elocution	10 00	
	" " " " Rev. E. H. Dieffenbacher, of Trinity Re- formed Church, Strawberry Ridge Charge	1 70	
			<hr/> \$90 95

1893, Sept. 9. Charged to Treasurer in Endowment Fund account of Theological Seminary.

Theological Seminary Building Fund.

Dr.	
1893, Sept. 15. For amount received from John J. Nimley, Treasurer of Eastern Synod, to date	\$23,339 13
Cr.	
1893, Sept. 15. By amount paid as per orders of J. C. Bowman, D.D., Chairman of Building Committee	23,235 45
Balance on hand	\$103 68

The undersigned Auditing Committee having examined the Treasurer's accounts and compared vouchers, find them correct.

Lancaster, September 22, 1893.

JOHN D. SKILES.
S. N. HENCH.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF
FREDERICK, MD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Directors, created at the Special Synod of Westminster, April 28, 1893, and instructed to lease "Frederick Female Seminary" Plant, select a President, and carry forward the Institution, have to report that the full Board met at Frederick, Md., May 12, 1893, and was organized by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., President, and Rev. C. S. Slagle as Secretary. After serious and careful consideration of the whole subject, we proceeded to organize the College on a broad and progressive basis, such as would commend itself to the educational public as worthy of patronage and support. The several steps were unanimously taken.

The name was fixed as *Woman's College of Frederick, Md.* Joseph H. Apple, A.M., an alumnus of Franklin and Marshall College, and at the time a professor in the Central High School of Pittsburgh, Pa., was called to the Presidency, and arrangements were agreed upon to secure applications for positions in the faculty.

A *second* meeting was held at Frederick, Md., May 30, 1893, at which all the members of the Board were present. Mr. Apple was also present and accepted the Presidency of the College. Out of a large number of applications a faculty of seven experienced, successful teachers and a matron were selected, all of whom have accepted the positions tendered them, and are actively at work in the several departments of the College. The accompanying circular, issued by our authority, is herewith filed as a part of this report, and will supply desired information.

A *third* meeting of the board was held at Frederick, Md., July 3, 1893. All the members were present, and many and important items of business were considered and adjusted according to our best judgment.

President Apple entered upon the active duties of his position July 1st, and has since performed a large amount of hard and exacting work. As much time as possible was given to an active canvass for students, in which the several members of the board rendered whatever assistance they could.

The Trustees of the "Frederick Female Seminary" complied with the terms of their proposition made to Synod and accepted by it.

A Lease has been prepared in accordance with these terms, and is executed on their part, but requires the affixing of the seal of Synod on our part, which Lease is herewith submitted as a part of this report.

We came into possession of the property August 1, 1893. An inventory of all the personal property conveyed to us by the lease, was taken. Everything in and about the buildings has been put into good condition.

A fourth meeting of the Board was held at Frederick, Md., September 12, 1893, at which time we witnessed the auspicious and successful opening of the "Woman's College."

We have a present enrollment of 83 students. Of this number, 25 are full boarders, 8 five day boarders, and 50 day scholars. A few others may yet be added to the number before the close of the term.

The large number of students made it necessary to add to the teaching force. This has been satisfactorily done without materially increasing our expenses. We now have, beside the President, Vice-President, and Matron, six teachers giving all their time, and three others a part of their time, to the work of the College. The combined salaries for our Faculty and matron cost us, this year, \$3,960.00

Your Board has done the work assigned us according to our best judgment, and thus far the College is a hopeful success. If the Church at large by her patronage, and the members of Potomac Synod, by their active co-operation, will sustain what has been so auspiciously begun in her name, and as her work, there is good reason to expect that the "Woman's College of Frederick" will be a continuous and growing success.

The Board asks that you instruct your Stated Clerk to affix the Seal of the Synod to the Lease which is submitted as a part of this report.

The Board further recommends that the time of service of its present members be adjusted by lot, or as they may otherwise elect, so that one of their number shall from this time serve for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and that hereafter at each annual session of the Synod one member shall be elected to serve for five years, his term of service to begin with January 1st after the date of his election.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

By authority of the Board.

October 20, 1893.

This Agreement and Lease made this First day of August, in the year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-three, by and between "The Frederick Female Seminary," a body corporate of the first part, and "The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States," a body corporate, by Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., John E. Roller, Rev. C. S. Slagle, William H. Lakin, and A. C. McCardell, a Board of Directors duly appointed by said Synod to execute this Agreement and Lease, and carry out its provisions, of the second part, Witnesseth, that for the considerations hereinafter mentioned the said "Frederick Female Seminary," the party of the first part, does hereby agree to lease, and does hereby lease to the said Synod, for the term of five years from the 1st day of August in the year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-three, all the Seminary grounds and buildings known as the Frederick Female Seminary property, situated on the south side of East Church Street, in Frederick City, Frederick County, in the State of Maryland, together with all the furniture, tableware, bed-clothing, musical and scientific instruments, school equipments of every kind, and all other tangible personal property of every description belonging to the said Frederick Female Seminary, with the privilege to the said Synod to renew said Lease at the expiration of said five years for an additional period of five, ten, or more years, as they may elect, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned.

And the said Synod, party of the second part, does hereby agree and obligate itself to pay to the said, "The Frederick Female Seminary," party of the first part, the sum of One Thousand dollars rental for each and every year during the said term of five years for the use of said buildings, grounds, furniture, and other property, and which it agrees and obligates itself to pay in equal semi-

annual payments of Five Hundred dollars each from the beginning of this lease, and that in case the said Synod shall elect to renew this lease at the expiration of said five years, it will pay to the said Frederick Female Seminary the sum of Fifteen Hundred dollars for each and every year it lease said properties after the expiration of said five years in semi-annual payments of Seven Hundred and Fifty dollars each.

And it is hereby agreed that if the said rent shall at any time be in arrears for three months, then the said party of the first part may re-enter upon and possess the property hereby leased.

And it is further mutually agreed by and between the said parties of the first and second part, and they do respectively obligate themselves thereto :

1st. That the Trustees of the said Frederick Female Seminary, at the expense of said Seminary, and before the occupancy of the property hereby leased by said party of the second part for school purposes, have the room in the East Building, known as the Philosophical Room, newly painted, papered and converted into a room suitable for dining-room purposes, with a "dumb waiter" communicating between said room and the kitchen below.

2d. That the Trustees of said Seminary will have the balance of the space over the new Collegiate Hall partitioned off in a proper manner for additional chambers for the use of the said party of the second part as the requirements of the school proposed to be conducted by the said party of the second part in said buildings shall demand.

3d. That the Trustees of said Seminary will keep the exterior of the buildings of said Seminary property in repair by repairing roofs, gutters, spoutings, paintings, etc., damaged by the elements or natural wear and decay.

4th. That the said party of the second part will repair all damages to the said premises resulting from the use and occupancy of the same.

5th. That the said party of the second part will keep open during the usual time of each scholastic year during said lease, and any renewal of the same, a Female Seminary well equipped and supplied with suitable teachers for the higher education of young ladies, and fully carry out the purpose and requirements of the Charter of said Frederick Female Seminary.

6th. That while the said party of the second part shall have the entire control of the running and management of said School, which shall be wholly under the auspices of said "Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States," yet the same shall be non-sectarian, and afford equal privileges in every particular to pupils of all denominations, as heretofore.

7th. That the said party of the second part will use the furniture, equipments, and all personal property belonging to the said party of the first part with reasonable care, and, as far as practicable, protect the same from damage and waste.

Witness the signature of Charles E. Trail, the President of the Board of Trustees of the said "The Frederick Female Seminary," and the seal of the said President, which is adopted for this purpose by said Trustees as the Seal of said Seminary, and the signature and corporate seal of said Synod by the Board of Directors aforesaid.

CHAS. E. TRAIL. [Seal.]

President of the Frederick Female Seminary.

True Copy.

Test. CHAS. E. TRAIL.
E. R. ESCHBACH.

{ Witness the signature of E. R. Eschbach,
President of the "Board of Directors of the
Woman's College" for the "Synod of the Poto-
mac of the Reformed Church in the United
States," and the Corporate Seal of said Synod.

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College.

By order of the Synod of the Potomac, given at Gettysburg, Pa., October 23, 1893, I do hereunto attach the seal of the said Synod.

WM. M. DEATRICK,
Stated Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Education have had under consideration the following documents as per your direction, viz.: Of the Theological Seminary, the Report of the Board of Visitors, Report of the Board of Trustees, the Report of the Treasurer, also a Booklet.

First. From these we learn with pleasure that this now venerable School of the Prophets is growing in numbers, efficiency, and influence, as well as in its endowment and buildings. The future is bright with promise, and we may well, as we also do, congratulate ourselves on the success of the Church in advancing the interests and in increasing the power in furthering the work which is specially committed to this institution, no small part of which is due to the untiring efforts of Potomac Synod's representative in the Faculty, Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman. Therefore,—

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves as a Synod to a hearty sympathy, and willing co-operation in every well-directed plan to advance still further the interests, and meet the needs of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

Resolved, That we again accept the apportionment of \$75.00 in payment of the salary of the Professor of Elocution, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment upon the several Classes.

Resolved further, That recognizing the urgent necessity of a Library Building in connection with the Main Building now being erected, we sincerely hope that the committee having the matter in charge will not cease their efforts until the amount needed shall have been secured.

Second Of Franklin and Marshall College there were referred to us the Annual Catalogue of 1892-98, and a letter from the President, Rev. Dr. J. S. Stahr.

From these your committee learn that our College at Lancaster is still moving onward and upward—that it “has never been in better condition or more prosperous.” Last year it graduated twenty-seven young men. This year, already, it has admitted fifty-four new students to the College alone, making in all 148 college students. In all departments there are 275 students. This is certainly very gratifying to all the friends of the College, and, thus encouraged, may we not look for still larger growth and prosperity, through the united and earnest effort of the Faculty, students, and members of the Church, looking for the day when Franklin and Marshall will stand second to none in favor and influence among the Colleges of our land.

Third, The Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

No less gratifying is the report which comes from this school of the Synod of the Potomac. The weeds of mourning have been laid aside, and the voice of rejoicing is heard through the land. Under the Presidency of Dr. W. Mann Irvine, and his efficient Faculty of young men, the old things, save the foundations laid of the fathers, have passed away, and behold all things are become new. The school flourishes and promises permanent success. Let us rejoice together, and rejoicing, join hands in helping the Board of Regents in completing the wise and liberal things which they have devised for Mercersburg College.

Resolved, That we extend to them and the School under their direction our truest sympathy and co-operation, our liberal gifts, and earnest efforts to send more students.

Resolved, That as a Synod we acquiesce in the recommendation of the Board to increase its number of members from nine to fifteen, and authorize them hereby to have the Charter so amended.

Fourth. Is the Report of the Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., with the Agreement and Lease between the Board and the Trustees of Frederick Female Seminary of Frederick, Md.

From these documents your committee are gratified to know that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the opening of a Woman's College, and that such an institution is now in successful operation, under the Presidency of Prof. Jos. H. Apple, Jr., with an enrolled attendance of 88 pupils.

Encouraged with this auspicious opening of a College for our girls,—

Resolved, That as a Synod we pledge our active co-operation in the advancement of this institution as under the care of Synod's Board of Control, and ask the patronage of our people.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to affix the Seal of the Synod to the Lease submitted to Synod and that the Board adjust the time for which each member shall serve as a member of the Board, as they suggest.

Fifth is the Report of the Board of Education and of the Report of its Treasurer.

From these we learn that the Board has prospered in its work of beneficiary aid during the year past. That the demands of the Board in the care of the students in prosecuting their studies will at least be not less than the requirements of the past year; therefore.

Resolved, That the amount of \$4000.00 be provided for in the way of apportionments for the present year.

With devout thanks to the Father of all Mercies for the measure of blessing vouchsafed to us in our educational work, we respectfully submit this report.

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

The following Report, submitted to the Synod of the Potomac by the Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod, a year ago, to secure certain legal changes in the Charters of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and of Franklin and Marshall College, was accepted and ordered to be recorded in the Minutes. The changes specified were formally accepted and adopted. The report is as follows, viz.:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHANGES IN THE CHARTERS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod to act in conjunction with similar Committees of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods in an effort to secure such legal changes to the Charters of Franklin and Marshall College and of the Theological Seminary, as to make the two last-named Synods joint owners with the Eastern Synod of the above-named Institutions; and which was continued by the Synod of Lancaster, Pa., of 1892, with instructions to set in motion the proceedings by which these changes to the Charters might be effected according to the plan recommended and adopted by the three Synods, at their last Annual Meetings, would beg leave to report to the Synods severally, as follows:

1. That the amendments and changes to the Charters of the two Institutions, in question were decreed by the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County Pa., on Saturday, August 19, 1893; and that they are now a part of the organic law of the Institutions and the Church.

2. That in the judgment of the Committee, these Charters as so amended should be formally accepted and adopted by the three Synods, during their Annual Sessions of 1898; and to facilitate such adoption, a copy of the amendments is hereby submitted to each one of the Synods.

Respectfully submitted, S. G. WAGNER, *Chairman*.

ADMENTS TO THE CHARTERS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND OF FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

The amendments recommended by the Eastern Synod at its last annual meeting in order to give the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac joint ownership and management of the Seminary and College at Lancaster were decreed by the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County, on Saturday, August 19th, and are now a part of the organic law of said institutions and of the Church.

As these amendments are important and the changes should be taken into consideration at the coming sessions of the three Synods, we lay them before our readers in full, as follows:

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

FIRST. Amend section "one" by adding after the words "United States," at the end of the first sentence, the following words, viz.: "The ownership whereof shall vest in said Board of Trustees and by them be held *in Trust* for the Eastern Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and to be managed by them in the interest of these three Synods."

SECOND. Amend so that Article 2 shall read: "The said corporation (Board of Trustees) shall not at any time consist of more than eighteen members, all of whom shall be laymen, of whom said Eastern Synod shall elect nine; said Pittsburgh Synod three; and said Synod of the Potomac six, and the full term of service of such trustees shall be six years; *provided, however*, that of those first chosen under this arrangement the term of one-third shall be four years, and one-third only two years; and the corporation aforesaid shall have power and authority to manage and dispose of said lands, tenements, goods, chattels, funds, moneys and other estates, whatsoever, agreeably to the intent of the trust committed to it in respect to such property; but in case, when special instructions for the management and disposal thereof shall be given by said three Synods in writing under the hands of their stated clerks, it shall be the duty of said corporation to act according to such instruction, if they are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, or to these Articles of Association—*provided further* that all endowment funds given to the said Theological Seminary be held by the treasurer of this corporation; but that the account of each of the several funds be kept separate and distinct from all other funds, and that the income thereof be applied to the particular purpose for which it was created, and should any Synod at any time withdraw from this compact, the particular endowment fund or funds raised by such withdrawing Synod shall be returned to it."

THIRD. Amend so that Article 6 shall read: "The said three Synods shall from time to time establish such professorships and tutorships in literature, science and theology in the said Seminary as they shall judge expedient, and shall elect the professors and tutors thereof, appoint their salaries, prescribe their duties, and remove them from their offices when in their judgment the interests of the Seminary shall require,—*provided, however*, that vacancies occurring from time to time in the three professorships existing prior to the year A. D. 1890, shall be filled by the Eastern Synod, subject to the approval of the other two Synods, and professorships endowed since the year A. D. 1890,

any vacant Synod shall be filled by such Synod, subject in like manner to the action of the other Synods.

The rights and discipline of professors of theology as provided in the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, the action of the Synod having control of any particular professorship, shall be regarded as regards the case of the incumbent of such chair.

If any Synod or Synods refuse to approve the election of a professor of theology, a committee of conference, consisting of three members from each Synod, shall be appointed, who after carefully considering the case, shall report recommendations to the Synods interested for their action; but no election of a professor of theology shall be final until the approbation of all the Synods interested in the Seminary has been obtained."

The first sentence of Article 9 so as to read: "The Board of the Eastern Theological Seminary shall consist of twelve ministers of the Reformed Church in the United States, six of whom shall be elected by the Synod of the Potomac, two by the Pittsburgh Synod and four by the Synod of the Delaware. The full term of service of said visitors shall be four years, but of the first two years and four members of said Board shall constitute a majority."

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE.

Amend Section 3 of the Original Act of Incorporation by adding at the end of said section the following clause, to wit: "The ownership of the property of Franklin and Marshall College, and the management of the institution hereafter vest in said Board of Trustees and by them be held in trust, for the service of the Synod, the Pittsburgh Synod and the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, and be carried forward in the name of said three Synods."

Amend Section 3 of the supplement to the original Act of Incorporation by striking out said Section 3, and inserting in lieu thereof a new section as follows:

Section 3. That hereafter the Eastern Synod shall elect twelve, the Pittsburgh Synod three and the Synod of the Potomac six members of the Board of Trustees in such manner as said Synods may respectively determine, and the Board shall choose the remaining nine members. The terms of service of said members shall begin on the first day of July next succeeding their election, and they shall continue in office for the period of ten years thereafter."

The Standing Committee, under item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Synod prepared the following report, which was received and adopted, as will

The Auditing Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, to examine the Theological Endowment Securities in the hands of the acting treasurer of Synod, Elder Edgar Slagle, begs leave to report, that the duty assigned was attended to by the committee, October 9, 1893, and the committee reports the Real Estate Mortgages, Railroad Bonds, etc., to be \$35,150.00; cash in bank, \$48,573.12 making \$83,723.12.

The account of the Fellowship Fund in the hand of the treasurer is as follows to wit: Amount reported last year, \$1,180.92; accrued interest, less payment guaranteeing mortgages, \$22—total \$1,202.92.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The Special Committee, appointed last year, as set forth under items 7

and 25 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee appointed a year ago, to mature plans for raising an endowment fund of twenty-five thousand dollars for the support of a Professor of Theology in Catawba College, Newton, N. C., with instructions to inform the trustees of Catawba College and North Carolina Classis of the action of Synod in regard to establishing said professorship, etc., begs leave to submit the following report. The Committee held several meetings during the year for the purpose of discussing the question submitted to us. We applied to the Committee having in charge the making of arrangements for the celebration of the Centennial anniversary of the organization of the first Synod for a place on the Centennial envelopes for free will offerings to this object. Our request was granted; but we have not learned the result of the offerings received.

While we were not instructed to solicit subscriptions, and while we made no effort in this direction, we are glad to report, that we have two conditional subscriptions of one thousand dollars each.

The Committee also informed the trustees of Catawba College and the North Carolina Classis of the action of the Synod in the matter, and both parties answered that they were highly gratified with Synod's action, and would aid the Synod to the utmost of their ability to complete the contemplated endowment.

We recommend the adoption of the following action by the Synod:

Resolved, That, inasmuch as this is a movement to establish a new Theological Seminary in the mission field of the Church, an appeal be made to the entire Church for subscriptions and bequests toward this endowment.

Resolved, That an agent be appointed by the Synod to carry forward the work of securing a fund of twenty-five thousand dollars for the support of said Theological Professor.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN, *Chairman*,

Rev. Joseph L. Murphy was appointed the agent called for in the last resolution of the report, and was granted permission to appoint assistant agents in carrying into execution the work assigned him.

In the same connection, it was ascertained that the amount apportioned upon the Classes last year for theological teaching in Catawba College had been assumed by the several Classes, and a portion thereof paid into the treasury of Synod, a motion was accordingly made and adopted, that the Synod proceed to elect, at this meeting of the Synod, a professor to fill said chair. A Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, S. N. Callender and Elder S. Hoefflich, was appointed to nominate candidates for the professorship to be filled. After due deliberation, the committee reported, naming but one candidate, to wit: the Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., which was received and adopted. Whereupon, the election took place, and the nominee was unanimously elected Professor of Theology in Catawba College.

The following resolutions were thereupon adopted, namely:

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod be instructed to furnish the Professor elect with a formal call to the Professorship to which he has been chosen; and, in case of his acceptance, to take charge of his inauguration.

Resolved, further, that they be directed to confer with him, in the event of his acceptance of his election, and inform him that it is the desire of the Synod that he should enter upon the duties of his chair as soon as next January, if possible; if not, as soon thereafter as possible.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE UNDER ITEM 5 OF REPORT ON MINUTES
OF SYNOD.

The Special Committee under item 5 of Report on Minutes of Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee continued, namely:

Your Committee appointed to provide financial means for Mercersburg College, for endowment, for payment of debt, and for making repairs to the Seminary Building together with the furnishing of rooms, begs leave to report, that they have tried to attend to their duties. In various ways we have secured for the reduction of the debt \$300, and for the repairs of the building nearly \$1,000, and for furnishing the rooms \$700.00—this latter sum secured through the efforts of Prof. Wm. M. Irvine.

In view of the fact that about \$1,000 will be needed for the completion of the repairs and \$1,600 for the payment of the furniture already in the building, in addition to providing for the mortgage and judgment indebtedness of the college, the Committee asks for the adoption by the Synod of the following action:

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to hold educational meetings in the bounds of each congregation, if only for a single session, and that an opportunity be given to the Committee to secure such offerings as the people may freely give toward this object.

Resolved, That the Committee be allowed to appoint such additional members as may be needed to help to complete this work, during the present Synodical year, and that the work be pressed to a speedy conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN, *Chairman*.

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, by direction of the Synod, fixed the terms of office of the several members, as follows: Rev. E. R. Eschbach for 5 years, Rev. C. S. Slagle for 4 years, Elder W. H. Lakin for 3 years, A. C. McCardell for 2 years, and John E. Roller for 1 year.

Revs. J. S. Kieffer, C. Clever, E. R. Eschbach, and J. O. Miller were elected members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders H. W. Shriver, G. N. Forney, E. Slagle, J. H. Cost, I. Laucks, and S. N. Hench members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, held during the session of Saturday forenoon, Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and A. S. Weber were elected members of the Board of Education, for the term of three years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College at the present time, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and A. S. Weber, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and W. Goodrich, for two years; and Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier and F. F. Bahner, for three years; Rev. W. C. Cremer, Elder A. R. Schuebly and Rev. J. B. Shontz, for two years; and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Rev. C. U. Heilman and Elder S. Hoeflich, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, Annual Report of the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several Reports are as follows :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1893.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Potomac Synod :

DEAR BRETHREN : In presenting our report for the Synodical year, we again call your attention to the fact that part of the subject-matter given in former reports is now given in the report of the General Board, and therefore need not be repeated here.

The supervision of the missions within your bounds has received the careful attention of your Board, and with gratitude to Almighty God we report the work in good condition. During the Synodical year the following missions became self-supporting: Lock Haven, Pa., West Rowan, N. C., and Salem, Ore.; and the following were enrolled: Calvary and Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia, Pa., Tyrone, Pa., and Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa. The mission at Burlington, N. C., was dropped from the roll. We begin the new Synodical year with 34 missions on the roll, 15 of which are in the Eastern Synod and 19 in the Potomac Synod.

As will be seen from the treasurer's report, which is herewith laid before you, our income for the year is somewhat larger than last year; and although the cry of hard times has been heard throughout the land, the Synods will be glad to hear that our missionaries have thus far been promptly paid in full every quarter; and now we earnestly beg the Church to stand by the Board during the coming year, which may possibly be a trying period in benevolent finances.

We are glad to report also, after an experience of eighteen months since the transfer of our work to the General Board, that the present plan of carrying forward the work is satisfactory to both Boards.

We can report also that we are learning to do larger things. The Board finds it necessary to loan to some of the missions unusually large sums, as in the case of Scranton, Pa., where we loaned \$2,500, and in the case of St. Stephen's, Baltimore, Md., where we placed six Church-building Funds (\$3,000), and in the case of Roanoke, Va., where we are about to invest \$3,000.

This leads us to say that while our Church-building Funds have proved most helpful, and while we greatly appreciate the kind giving which has enabled the Board to start work which must otherwise have remained undone, it is proper to add that our necessities have not been met by these Funds on hand; and the Board was therefore obliged in the case of Scranton, Pa., and of Roanoke, Va., to call in some investments of the Board for the purchase of lots, as the treasurer reports in detail.

It gives us great pleasure to add that several Church-building Funds are now being raised, namely, one by the Woman's Missionary Society of East Pennsylvania Classis, one by the Juniata Classical Missionary Society, one by the West Susquehanna Classis, and one by the Woman's Missionary Society of

Wyoming Classis; and it is an encouragement to know also that a beginning has been made in the payment of the Funds loaned to two missions in Baltimore, Md.

Some months ago, convinced that a German Board can carry forward German missions better than an English Board, we recommended to the General Board the transfer of our Pacific Coast missions to the German Board of the West, guaranteeing their full support for six years. The General Board approved this recommendation and appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the German Board. The committees met in Reading, Pa., in May last. The proposed terms were carefully discussed, and also the difficulties as well as the advantages of the transfer; and the German brethren expressed a willingness to report to their Board in favor of the transfer. But we regret to say, that no reply has yet been made to our overture.

The Synod of the Potomac will please note that the terms of Rev. T. J. Barkley and Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., as members of the Board of Missions, expires with this meeting of Synod.

The Eastern Synod will please note that according to its rule the term of all its members in the Board of Missions expires with this meeting of Synod, namely, Rev. E. N. Kremer, Rev. T. O. Stem, Rev. S. G. Wagner, D. D., Rev. T. J. Hacker, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D. D., Elder J. J. Nissley and Elder D. S. Keller.

As the term of office of Superintendent A. C. Whitmer expires January 1st, 1894, and as (under the terms of agreement in the transfer of your missions to the General Board) the Synods now only nominate the Superintendent, we hereby respectfully recommend to you the nomination of Rev. A. C. Whitmer for this office.

We close our report with thanksgiving to God for His continued blessing upon the work committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOHN J. NISSELY, *Treasurer in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1892. Sept. 28 To balance in the
Treasury (\$166.94 being for Hun-
garian Missions) \$1,750 95

For Missions.

Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.

Philadelphia	\$1,900 03
Tohickon	849 54
Goshenhoppen	1,362 71
East Pennsylvania	750 00
Lebanon	1,392 37
Schuylkill	2,525 85
Lancaster	812 92
East Susquehanna	795 50
West Susquehanna	966 12
Lehigh	1,520 61
Wyoming	735 81
	<hr/> \$13,611 46

Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.

Maryland	1,480 91
Mercersburg	793 16

Juniata	951 72
Carlisle	507 94
Zion's	990 80
Gettysburg	501 00
North Carolina	202 42
Portland-Oregon	50 00
	<hr/> \$5,477 95

Interest on Loans.

Interest on Gerhart legacy	12 00
" Maryland Classis	30 00
" Memorial church,	
Wichita, Kansas	90 00
" Hutchinson loan	67 00
" Spangler legacy	52 50
" Seidel loan	150 00
" Devor loan	25 00
" Abilene, Kansas	45 00
" Sophia Grove loan	120 00
" Mrs. Framell loan	198 00
" Kunkle loan	42 50
" Loan to General	
Board	65 00
	<hr/> \$997 00

Miscellaneous Sources.

Woman's Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Steelton	300 00
Woman's Miss. Soc., Philada. Classis	25 00
Dr. Bolly, Pastor, Ridgely, Md.	5 00
Rev. Atville Connor, Glade charge	5 00
Miss Emma Gesser, Lancaster, Pa.	5 00
Rev. D. W. Gerhard, Heller's church	3 46
Rev. C. J. Musser, Church of the Ascension, Norristown, Pa.	251 00
Mrs. Adelaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.	10 00
John Kremer, Treas., Harrisburg, Pa.	3 42
Mrs. M. A. West, Treas. S. School, New Holland, Pa.	5 72
Rev. M. H. Bensinger, Treas. Fleetwood, Pa.	20 00
Mrs. S. E. P. Mosser for Hazelton, Pa.	5 00
Wm. Euker, Ridgely, Md.	20 50
Congregation and S. School, Reigelsville, Pa.	175 75
Rev. G. Grader and others, Ballard, Washington.	10 50
Member of New Holland, Pa., Charge	16 61
Member of Broadheads ville, Pa., Charge	20 00
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	25 00
S. School Miss. Soc., Christ's Ref. Church, Phila, Pa.	100 00
S. School, Church of the Strangers, Phila., Pa.	14 30
Woman's Miss. Soc., Upton, Pa.	20 00
N. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.	10 00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Woodstock, Va.	6 46
Woman's Miss. Soc., General Synod, for Steelton	300 00
Centennial Offering, First Church, York, Pa.	66 22
Henry Brook Parvin	5 00
Rev. Geo. G. Everhart, Shepherdstown, West Va., Mem. Offering	8 00
Sunday School, Shepherdstown, W. Va.	15 00
Sunday School, New Holland, Pa., Easter Offering	1 75
	<u>\$1,453 69</u>
<i>Hungarian Missions.</i>	
Maryland Classis	72 00
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Woodstock, Va.	11 00
1st and 2nd Quarterly payments, Woma. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod	150 00
John J. Nimley, Treas., Eastern Synod	880 40
	<u>\$ 613 40</u>

Harbor Mission.

Rev. F. A. Ruple, Tr. Juniata Classis	5 00
John J. Nimley, Tr. Eastern Synod	141 50
	<u>\$ 146 50</u>
	<u>\$23,950 96</u>

Disbursements.

Paid Chas. Santee, Treas., General Board	\$12,467 83
Paid James T. Raber	6,945 88
	<u>\$19,413 81</u>
Paid for support of certain Ministers	755 00
Paid Salary W. H. Seibert, former Treasurer	75 00
Under Credit in payment to Rev. Ueber	25 00
	<u>\$ 100 00</u>
Paid Chas. Santee, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	501 13
Paid James T. Raber, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	279 21
	<u>\$ 780 34</u>
Paid James T. Raber, Treas., for Harbor Missions	50 00
Paid Chas. Santee, Treas., for Harbor Missions	96 50
	<u>\$ 146 50</u>
Paid Traveling Expenses of Superintendent and Board, Postage, Printing, Stationery, etc.	\$ 331 63
Paid Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	\$ 150 00
October 2, Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$ 2,273 68
	<u>\$23,950 96</u>

For Church Building.

1892, Sept. 26, To Balance in Treasury	\$3,187 38
<i>Eastern Synod.</i>	
Received from John J. Nimley, Tr., contributed by following Classes:	
Tohickon Classis	176 62
Goshenhoppen Classis	183 00
East Penna.	105 00
Lebanon	139 70
Schuylkill	256 02
Lancaster	95 00
East Susquehanna	151 55
Lehigh	233 38
	<u>\$1,310 27</u>

Potomac Synod.

Juniata Classis	227 31
Carlisle	75 34
Zion's	23 00
Gettysburg	107 00
Portland-Oregon Classis	15 25
	<u>\$447 90</u>

Church Building Funds.

Woman's Miss. Soc., East Penna. Classis Fund	174 66
Tohickon Classis Fund	68 07
Henry Gable Fund	500 00

Woman's Miss. Soc., Wyom-	
ing Classis Fund . . .	141 24
Catechumen's Fund . . .	44 60

\$926 57

For Roanoke Mission.

Moore Township Charge .	10 00
Woman's Miss. Society, St.	
Stephen's Refd. Church,	
Lancaster, Pa.	23 40

\$33 40

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Bellaman's Church for	
Ness Co. Mission, Kan-	
sas	\$22 00
From Mrs. Rev. A. L.	
Shenkle	\$25 00

Loans Repaid.

Maryland Classis 2d payment on 2d Mortgage.	
Faith Mission, Baltimore,	
Md.	150 00
J. C. Leonard et-al., note	
paid	200 00
Harry C. Devor Mortgage .	1,900 00
Geo. Z. Kunkle	2,000 00
Mrs. C. A. Fremell on account	
Mortgage	200 00
Grace Ref. Church, Abilene,	
Kansas, account Mort-	
gage	200 00
Maryland Classis, 4th pay-	
ment, account \$850.	
Faith Mission, Balti-	
more, Md.	150 00

Eastern Synod, on account	
Bond	21 45
	<u>\$4,821 45</u>
	\$10,803 97

Disbursements.

Paid Rev. Lewis Relter for	
Roanoke Mission . . .	113 50
Paid Rev. Lewis Relter for	
Roanoke Mission . . .	33 40
Paid Pledge to St. Luke's	
Mission at Lancaster, Pa.	50 00
Paid loan to St. Stephen's	
Church, Baltimore, Md.	3,000 00
Paid to complete the Tobie-	
kon Church - building	
Fund	18 07
Paid Church Extension, Bal-	
timore, Md.	34 53
Paid loan to General Board	2,200 00
Paid First Reformed Church,	
Boyersford, Pa.	1,000 00
Paid East Susq. Classis for	
Tower City, Pa.	150 00
Paid loan to Calvary Refd.	
Church, Scranton, Pa.	2,500 00
Paid St. Stephen's, Balti-	
more, Md.	300 00
Paid for lot in Astoria,	
Oregon	1,000 00
	<u>\$10,399 50</u>
Paid Rev. H. W. Bates,	
Johnstown, Pa.	1 00
Paid Rev. D. B. Shuey for	
Ness Co. Mission . . .	22 00
1893. Oct. 2. Balance in Treasury,	381 47
	<u>\$10,803 97</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Hummelstown, Pa., Oct. 2, 1893.

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the above account, find it correct.

C. S. GERHARD.

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 2, 1893.

ELLIS N. KREMER.

ANNUAL REPORT, GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1892, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1893.

To the English Synods.

BRETHREN:—From the fact that a full report was rendered by the Board to the late General Synod at Reading, and widely distributed throughout the Church, it was not deemed necessary to issue a report at this time, for general distribution, but only to present a general review of the work for the past year.

We have many reasons for thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for His abundant mercy toward us in the general missionary work of the Church. The past year has witnessed the fruit of the unification movement, and it must be admitted by all who have noticed the results, that they have been all that the most hopeful could have predicted. At the beginning of the year we had but entered upon the work in this united form, and there were then those who still believed that it would have been best to allow the different Synods to carry on the work as they had been doing for years before. But more than a year has elapsed since the new order of things was inaugurated, and the results have been most satisfactory. We can but rejoice as we look back over the year's

work. Not only has God blessed our labors, but we may claim, most justly, for those under the Board, a year of faithful and diligent service. God blesses those only in the labors of His vineyard who are faithful in the discharge of their duties. This being the test, we may believe that, as a general thing, our Missionaries have been faithful to their trust, as their labors abundantly prove. As in other years, the Board was not in a position to answer all the calls made upon it. The work might be very greatly extended had the Board the means at hand. So far, the Board has had less difficulty in getting men than means. We deem it a hopeful sign for the Church that men are more willing to offer themselves for the Mission work.

SELF-SUPPORTING.

The past year has witnessed a determination on the part of quite a number of Missions to become independent of the Board by providing for their own support. This is as it should be, although with a number of these fields it was a severe struggle to do so. There is a tendency on the part of some fields to seek aid from the Board when they might be self-sustaining, so that we feel the more like giving praise to those that are determined to support themselves and allow the Board to take up other points. Liberty Center, O., Scottsdale, Pa., Salem, Ore., Stafford, Ore., Timberville, Va., West Roan, N. C., and Williamsport, Pa., have passed off the roll of the Board during the year. Other fields are very near the line of self-support, and we confidently expect them to be independent of the Board in the near future.

NEW FIELDS.

Of these a larger number were added during the year than the number that became self-supporting. When the last Annual Report was offered, arrangements had been made for the enrollment of several fields. Including these, the following is a list of those enrolled during the year: Athens, Mich., Massillon, O., Apollo, Pa., Grove City, Pa., Chicago, Ill., Columbus Junction, Iowa, Tyrone, Pa., Harrisburg, Pa., West Philadelphia and Philadelphia, Pa. Of these Philadelphia, Pa., Grove City, Pa., and Massillon, O., do not go into operation until October 1st, 1898, although they are now regularly entered upon the rolls of the Board. In addition to these fields that have been enrolled, many calls came to the Board asking that other points be taken up. Gladly would the Board give heed to all these calls, but to do so is simply impossible. Youngstown, Ohio, has often been brought to the notice of the Board as an important point, but the lack of funds has made its enrollment impossible thus far. It is, however, next on the list for enrollment among the large cities.

THE HUNGARIAN WORK.

In this work we now have three missionaries. The third missionary arrived lately in this country in the person of Licentiate Frank Freenczi. He will soon be ordained by the Allegheny Classis and will be placed in Pittsburg as an assistant to Brother Kovacs. This will enable Brother Kovacs to visit points in the east and south (as the Board has ordered him to do) with a view to open up additional fields for work among the Hungarians. Brother Jurany of Cleveland is arranging for the erection of a church in that city, but the stringency of the times is interfering very much with this enterprise. Upon the whole the work is progressing as well as could be expected under the present unsettled condition of the country. It affords us pleasure to state that through the good offices of Rev. J. H. Prugh, D. D., of Pittsburg, Mr. Hanna, of that city, has given \$500 toward the increase of this good work. Might not others do the same?

The Board, in order that it may receive the support it deserves, asks that the

sum of \$2,500 be apportioned upon the Synods for this work the ensuing year, as follows:

Eastern Synod	\$1,000
Potomac "	800
Ohio "	250
Central "	200
N. Western "	800
Pittsburg "	275
German Synod of East	100
Interior Synod	75
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	\$2,500

With this sum it is believed the work can be carried forward through the year, including the expenses of the third Missionary.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Much has been said upon the importance of this arm of the work. But its importance is not yet fully appreciated by our Church, much as has been written upon it. Four funds of \$500 each have been obtained during the year for this work. These were special funds. Other moneys have been received from the apportionments. During the year a Church property was purchased in St. Joseph Mo., at a cost of \$4,750, and a lot in Columbus, O., at a cost of \$3,300. Several payments were also made on lots purchased during the previous year. To accomplish this, the Board was compelled to borrow some funds, so that the actual indebtedness at this time is \$2,750. But in order to meet payments in the near future, it may be necessary to borrow additional moneys. But as an offset to this debt, we might state that very little of the apportionments made in the Spring have come in as yet, which when received will be applied on this debt. There are a few bequests for this cause which will be received soon, which can also be applied to the liquidation of the debt. But the Board cannot assist any other fields until the indebtedness is canceled. The Synods would do well to urge their membership to liberal giving for the cause of Church Extension. There certainly is no other object more worthy, and none that will help so much to extend the Church. This cause should be presented to the people as especially worthy of their donations and bequests.

THE NEEDS OF THE BOARD.

It was very much feared that the Board would find a shortage at the close of the quarter, ending September 30, 1893, because of the stringency of the times and from the fact, also, that during this quarter many of the pastors are absent from their charges. But we are gratified to state that when the Executive Committee met on October 3, there was a shortage of only a few hundred dollars. But some may blame the Board for enrolling so many missions during the year. Could the Board have foreseen the financial crash that has come upon the country, a less number would doubtless have been enrolled. But they are now on our roll. To strike them off would be wrong. The best we can do is to fulfil our contract with them. In order to do this it is necessary for the Church to stand by the Board. Times are hard, we are told; true, and for that very reason it is a bad time for the Board to be involved in a debt. The Board needs every cent that has been promised to Missions, Hungarian Missions, Church Extension and Harbor Missions. If the Church fails to provide these funds, the Board must fail to meet its obligations. For the year commencing April 1st, 1894, the Board must have at least \$40,000 for Missions direct. There are those who may say that this sum is too large—that no such

appropriations should have been made. But the Synods will observe under what stress the Board is placed at times. It is always glad to enroll Missions when possible—and now let the Church stand manfully by it, so that it can meet its obligations.

FUNDS NEEDED.

For the ensuing year the Board needs the sum of \$40,000 for Missions direct. When the Missions are all fully manned that sum will be required. The Executive Committee, at its meeting in Pittsburg on July 11th, made careful estimates of the sums needed, and requested that the following apportionments be made for the year, from April 1st, 1894, to April 1st, 1895:

Eastern Synod	.....	\$17,000
Potomac	“	9,000
Ohio	“	8,000
Pittsburg	“	4,500
Interior	“	1,500

Total . . . \$40,000

Considering the increase of membership, these amounts are but little larger than were asked of these Synods in past years.

In addition to the above, the General Board makes the earnest request that the small sum of *five cents* per member be apportioned for the cause of Church Extension. While these apportionments may seem large in the aggregate—yet we find that all these combined (not including Harbor Missions) do not reach quite *thirty-one cents* per member. This is certainly a small sum for a membership of the Church to pay toward so noble a cause as Home Missions.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

Funds, additional to the apportionments, have been gathered during the year—generally under the name of the 1000, 5's fund. Much of this was used for Church Extension, but a goodly share of it went for the regular work. In this way was made up the deficiency in the apportionments. The same will be continued through the year to come. The Superintendents will find much hard work before them in looking up the deficiencies in the apportionments and in gathering additional funds. This is seemingly necessary during the money stringency. We ask that the Synods give all possible encouragement to the gathering of these additional funds. If this matter is seen to at the proper time the Board and the Church will be saved the annoyance of an ugly debt.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Synods will notice that the officers of the Board are: Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., President; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D. D., Vice-President; Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary; Elder J. T. Reber, Treasurer; and Elder C. M. Boush, Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund.

We are glad to state that the Missions are all supplied with earnest pastors, with two exceptions, and these two have prospects of getting pastors at an early date.

We are gratified to be able to state that all our Missionaries are paid up in full to July 1st, 1893.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Eastern Synod and the Potomac Synod are hereby notified that the time for which Superintendent Whitmer was elected will expire on December 31st, 1893, and are requested to nominate his successor according to the terms of the Plan of Unification. Respectfully submitted, D. S. Fousz, *Miss. Supt.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions begs most respectfully to call the attention of your Reverend Body to the grand successes and encouraging prospects, as also to the urgent wants and embarrassing limitations of our foreign work. In view of the very full presentation of all these interests recently made in our Triennial Report to General Synod, a copy of which has been sent to each of our pastors, it is not deemed necessary to repeat them here, but simply to refer you to that report. Since the rendering of that report, our two schools in Sendai have been in vacation, and no important intelligence has reached us, except the sad fact of the critical illness of our dear Brother, Rev. D. B. Schneder, who at last accounts was still very sick of typhoid fever. But happily the belief was that the indications were favorable to his recovery. We are pained to have to say, that his associates in the field attribute his illness largely to over-work. The Board has frequently apprised the Church that for the want of adequate financial means we were compelled to expose our faithful Missionaries to this wrongful exaction. And up to the present time the inadequacy of our means has not been relieved by a larger response of the home Church. Dear Brethren, shall we sacrifice the health and possibly the lives of our beloved brethren in Japan, when the means for their relief would be readily available, if self-denying effort were employed by those of us who are at home?

We would further bespeak your careful attention, and earnestly solicit the necessary responsive action on your part, to the action of the late General Synod, in the interest of our mission work. This action was prompted by a spirit of profound gratitude to God for the surprising blessings and success with which He had crowned our work in Japan, as also the painful conviction that our Church was not responding in the measure in which He had given her the ability. It, therefore, solemnly resolved, that an advance should be made in the amount of her contributions, that she might do her part in answer to the leading of Divine Providence. The resolution fixed the sum needed at \$85,000 per year for the next three years. It also indicated the amount necessary from each District Synod, to secure the sum. This was done not as a direct authoritative apportionment, but rather as a *tentative* measure, indicating how much each Synod *ought* to raise, leaving it to each to devise its own methods for securing it. The distribution of the sum needed was as follows:

Eastern Synod, \$15,000; Synod of Potomac, \$5,100; Ohio Synod, \$3,800; Synod of the Northwest, \$3,200; Pittsburgh Synod, \$2,600; German Synod of the East, \$2,500; Central Synod, \$3,100; Interior Synod, \$200.

We are well aware that there are other and urgent claims upon the benevolence of our Church; but we submit, that our Church has not been responding in a just measure of her ability. Observation and experience have demonstrated that our people are not as slow to advance in their benevolent contributions as perhaps some of our ministers have considered them, and that to an intelligent, instructive and earnest presentation of the claims of Foreign Missions our people will respond, in addition to their other gifts.

We beg to suggest the adoption of such methods as will bring the subject home to each and every congregation. Let something effective be done, that the full amount designated for you by General Synod may be raised. For the methods heretofore employed have shown themselves sadly inadequate to the necessities of the case.

With the prayer for the Divine blessing upon you in your deliberations, and in your persons, I am
Your Brother in Christ,

Mechanicsburg, Pa., August 24, 1893.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to report as follows :

The communications placed in our hands are the Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, The Annual Report of General Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, The Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, a Communication from the Missionary Society of the Juniata Classis and a Communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid.

From the Reports of the Boards of Home Missions we learn that the work of Home Missions has been successfully carried forward during the past year. We owe devout gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings which He has bestowed upon the labors of our missionaries and for the success which has attended their efforts. The work is reported in good condition ; larger contributions are reported by the Bi-Synodic Board ; the unification plan is reported as working satisfactorily ; an encouraging number of missions have become self-supporting ; and a number of new missions have been enrolled.

There is an urgent call for increased contributions for church building. Several Special Church Building Funds are being raised ; but more are needed to meet the pressing demands of the several Boards. This subject is commended to the pastors and Churches in the bounds of this Synod, and especially to those whom the Lord has blessed with means, as an object worthy of prayerful consideration and liberal gifts.

The Board of Missions request this Synod to assume as its apportionment for the coming year the sum of \$9,000 for Home Missions ; \$300 for Hungarian Missions, and an amount equal to, at least, five cents per member for Church Building. In regard to this request your Committee recommends the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, That we assume the amounts of \$9,000 for Home Missions ; \$300 for Hungarian Missions ; \$1,650 for Church Building ; and that these sums be apportioned among the several Classes.

Resolved, That of the amount realized for Church Building one-half be paid into the treasury of the Bi-Synodic Board, and the other into that of the General Board,

From the report of the Foreign Board we learn, with regret, of the serious illness of one of our faithful missionaries, Rev. D. B. Schneder, and of the continued embarrassment of the Board in consequence of the insufficient financial provision by the Church. In consequence of the inadequacy of the contributions to meet the demands of our Foreign Missions, the General Synod at its late meeting in Reading Pa., resolved to raise the amount of \$35,000 per year for the next three years, and to indicate the amount needed from each of the District Synods. The amount needed from this Synod is \$5,100. Inasmuch, however, as the amounts to be realized from this apportionment will not come into the treasury for some time, it will be necessary for the Churches to continue their free-will offerings. Your Committee recommends the following action for adoption :

Resolved, That this Synod accepts the sum of \$5,100 as its apportionment for Foreign Missions for the coming year ; and that this amount be apportioned among the several Classes composing this Synod.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the amounts to be realized from this apportionment will not come into the treasury, all pastors and congregations within the

bounds of the Synod be urgently requested to make liberal contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions.

In regard to the increasing financial embarrassment of the Board of Foreign Missions, your Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Whereas, The debt of the Board of Foreign Missions has now assumed very grave proportions, and is becoming a burden impossible to carry any longer without peril; and *Whereas*, The contributions coming in from the churches in support of Foreign Missions are insufficient to meet the running expenses of the Board, thus adding to the debt already incurred, therefore,—

Resolved, That it is necessary for the Church to take special measures to raise money to relieve the Board of this debt.

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to appoint a self-denial week, during which the members of our churches, by special acts of self-restraint, make an effort to save a part of their income, which is to be devoted to the payment of this debt.

Resolved, That in order that the whole Church may co-operate in this effort, the Eastern Synod be requested to take action in accordance with that taken by the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That the appointment of the particular week to be known as *Self-Denial Week*, together with the ways and means of awakening the interest of our people, be confided to the Board of Foreign Missions.

In reference to the communication from the Missionary Society of Juniata Classis requesting the organization of a Synodical Missionary Society, your Committee recommends the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the Missionary Societies of Mercersburg and Juniata Classes and such other Classical Missionary Societies as may be organized, be authorized to organize a Missionary Society of the Synod of the Potomac, and that a committee of three be appointed by this Synod to assist in the said organization.

Resolved, That in order to the conservation of the system of missionary work employed by the Synod of the Potomac, it is deemed advisable that they shall be mixed or normal societies.

Resolved, That the object of this and all Missionary Societies is, not to legislate, but to disseminate missionary intelligence, to arouse enthusiasm in the work and to raise funds; and that the proposed Missionary Society be instructed steadily to bear this object in mind.

In regard to the communication from the Rev. J. G. Schmid, your Committee recommend that the Corresponding Secretary of the Synod communicate to the brother our sympathy in his struggle, and that his request for help be referred to the Board of Missions of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted, W. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman*.

Revs. T. J. Barkley, F. F. Bahner, and Elder H. W. Shriver were appointed the Committee to assist in organizing the Synodical Missionary Society, as authorized.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod requests Mrs. M. E. Whitmore and Miss R. H. Schively to co-operate with the Committee in effecting the organization of the Synodical Missionary Society, as authorized by the Synod.

At the election held for members of the several Boards, Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore were elected members of the Synod's Board of Missions for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore, for four years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for three years; Rev. J. W. Pontius, for two years; and Revs. J. O. Miller and C. Clever, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, *Acting Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending Oct. 18, 1893.*

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Received.

From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund	\$ 89 00	
" " " Mercersburg College	4 83	
" " " Theological Seminary	1 14	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore	2 47	
" " " North Carolina Professorship	15 70—	113 14
" Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund	171 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	20 00	
" " " Mercersburg College	45 00	
" " " " Debt	15 60	
" " " Hungarian Missions	58 75	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore	125 00	
" " " North Carolina Professorship	94 75	
" " " Seminary Building at Lancaster	8 33—	537 83
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund	65 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	11 00	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore	60 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions	55 00	
" " " Home Missions	70 00=	261 00
" Virginia Classis for Contingent Fund	47 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions	27 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	5 00	79 00
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund	106 00	
" " " Home Missions	198 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	12 00—	316 00
" Carlisle Classis for Mercersburg College	35 61	
" " " Hungarian Missions	19 33	
" " " Harbor Missions	4 50	
" " " Theological Seminary	2 75	
" " " Washington Parsonage	5 00	
" " " Roanoke Reformed Church	5 00	
" " " Hazelton " "	3 00	
" " " Tower City " "	4 00—	79 19
" Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund	103 00	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore	75 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	13 00	
" " " " Building at Lancaster	12 60	203 60
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund	59 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions 1892	31 00	
" " " " 1891	30 00—	120 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer October 8th, 1892		973 88
		\$2,682 64

Respectfully submitted.

Theological Seminary Endowment Account.

To cash received from subscriptions	\$339 13	
To cash on hand October 8th, 1892	418 40—	757 53
Amount of Endowment Fund invested in Bonds and Mortgages		35,150 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer		623 12
Total amount of Fund		\$35,773 12

Interest Account.

To interest received from October 8th, 1892, to October 13, 1893	1,794 86
To cash on hand October 8th, 1892	437 77
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By cash paid Prof. J. C. Bowman	\$2,232 63
	1,876 02
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Balance in hands of Treasurer	\$346 61
<i>Fellowship Endowment Account of the Synod of the Potomac.</i>	
Amount of Fund October 8th, 1892	\$1,180 92
Interest received	22 00
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Total amount of Fund	\$1,202 92
Respectfully submitted.	

Or.**Expenditures.**

1892.	
October 13.	By cash paid Rev. U. H. Hellman, expense at dedication of Dr. Higbee Memorial Stone
"	By cash paid Rev. Cyrus Cort, expense as member of committee on educational policy of Synod
"	By cash paid Rev. T. J. Barkley, expense as member of committee on educational policy of Synod
"	By cash paid Rev. A. Wanner, expense as member of committee on location of Seminary Building
October 21.	By cash paid Rev. J. A. Hoffheins for expense of Synod
October 27.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eachbach, expense as member of committee on Seminary Building
December 21.	By cash paid Reformed Church Publication House, publishing Minutes
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, interest on Stoudenour Legacy
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, postage and expressage en minutes
1893.	
January 10.	By cash paid Rev. J. T. Rosdter, attending meeting of Trustees
"	By cash paid Hanover S. F. Society, Box rent for 1893
April 29.	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, expense of Special Meeting of Synod
"	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eachbach, expense as member of committee on Woman's College
"	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle for expense as member of committee on Woman's College
"	By cash paid Elder H. J. Seibert for expense as member of committee on Woman's College
"	By cash paid W. H. McCardell for expense as member of committee on Woman's College
May 11.	By cash paid Rev. A. H. Kromer, attending Meeting of Board of Visitors
May 12.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk
May 17.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechbill Legacy
May 19.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eachbach, attending meeting of Board of Visitors
June 26.	By cash paid Rev. A. T. G. Apple, for Washington Parsonage
"	By cash paid Rev. L. Reiter, for Reformed Church at Roanoke
"	By cash paid Rev. A. Noll, for Reformed Church at Hazleton
"	By cash paid Rev. L. D. Steckel for Reformed church at Tower City
July 25.	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas., Church Extension in Baltimore
August 10.	By cash paid J. J. Nisley, Treas., for Home Missions
August 16.	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas., Church Extension in Baltimore
September 4.	By cash paid Edgar Slagle, salary as Treasurer to Jan. 1, 1894
September 25.	By cash paid J. J. Nisley, Treas., for Seminary Building at Lancaster
"	By cash paid J. T. Reber, Treas., for Hungarian Missions
September 30.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, President of Board of Regents, for Mercersburg College
September 30.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College Debt

October 10.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary at Lancaster	75 00
"	By cash paid John J. Nimley, Treas., for Home Missions . . .	70 00
"	By cash paid John J. Nimley, Treas., for Theological Seminary Building at Lancaster	12 50
October 12.	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, for Hungarian Missions	83 75
"	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas., for Harbor Missions	4 50
	Balance in hands of Treasurer	1,206 34
		<u>\$2,682 64</u>

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

The Committee on Finance submits the following report. The Treasurer's Report has been audited, and found to be correct, according to the vouchers furnished by him.

Of the \$900 needed to meet the assessment of the General Synod for contingent expenses, one half is assessed at this time, with the understanding that the other half will be assessed next year. The following additional amounts have been referred to the committee for apportionment, namely: Home Missions \$9,000, Foreign Missions \$5,100, Hungarian Missions \$300, Church Building \$1,850, Beneficiary Education \$4,000, North Carolina Theological Professorship \$1,000, Theological Seminary \$75, and Contingent Fund of the Synod \$600. These various amounts are apportioned as follows:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis \$2,201, Gettysburg Classis \$1,863, Juniata Classis \$1,320, Zion's Classis \$1,123, Mercersburg Classis \$841, North Carolina Classis \$755, Carlisle Classis \$630, Virginia Classis \$604, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$163.—Making \$9,000.

Foreign Missions.—Maryland Classis \$1,247, Gettysburg Classis \$772, Juniata Classis \$748, Zion's Classis \$636, Mercersburg Classis \$477, North Carolina Classis \$428, Carlisle Classis \$358, Virginia Classis \$342, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$92.—Making \$5,100.

Hungarian Missions.—Maryland Classis \$74, Gettysburg Classis \$46, Juniata Classis \$45, Zion's Classis \$38, Mercersburg Classis \$29, North Carolina Classis \$26, Carlisle Classis \$22, and Virginia Classis \$21.—Making \$301.

Church Building.—Maryland Classis \$404, Gettysburg Classis \$250; Juniata Classis \$242, Zion's Classis \$206, Mercersburg Classis \$154, North Carolina Classis \$138, Carlisle Classis \$116, Virginia Classis, \$111, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$29.—Making \$1,850.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis \$976, Juniata Classis \$725, Gettysburg Classis \$600, Zion's Classis \$499, Mercersburg Classis \$450, Carlisle Classis \$350, Virginia Classis \$300, and North Carolina Classis \$100.—Making \$4000.

North Carolina Theological Professorship.—Maryland Classis \$250, Juniata Classis \$154, Gettysburg Classis \$142, Zion's Classis \$124, Mercersburg Classis \$104, North Carolina Classis \$85, Carlisle Classis \$75, and Virginia Classis \$75.—Making \$1,009.

Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis \$20, Juniata Classis \$13, Gettysburg Classis \$12, Mercersburg Classis \$11, Zion's Classis \$9, Carlisle Classis \$5, and Virginia Classis \$5.—Making \$76.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Maryland Classis \$110, Gettysburg Classis \$70, Juniata Classis \$67, Zion's Classis \$57, Mercersburg Classis \$44, North Carolina Classis \$37, Carlisle Classis \$32, Virginia Classis \$28, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$5.—Making \$450.

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Maryland Classis \$146, Gettysburg Classis \$98, Juniata Classis \$88, Zion's Classis \$76, Mercersburg Classis \$68, North Carolina Classis \$49, Carlisle Classis \$42, Virginia Classis \$88, and Portland-Oregon Classis \$10.—Making \$600.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOYER, *Chairman.*

ARREARAGES.

The following are the arrearages still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$105.94; Portland-Oregon Classis, \$52; and Zion's Classis, \$28.52.—Making \$186.46.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$12.29; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.00.—Making \$17.29.

Mercersburg College.—Zion's Classis, \$157.56; North Carolina Classis, \$33.00; Maryland Classis, \$24.50; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$8.00.—Making \$223.16.

Harbor Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$93.00; Zion's Classis, \$29.14; North Carolina Classis, \$10.00; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$8.00.—Making \$142.14.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$966.80; Gettysburg Classis, \$620.00; Zion's Classis, \$248.86; and Mercersburg Classis, \$54.73.—Making \$1,890.39.

Church Extension in Baltimore.—Gettysburg Classis, \$75.00; Zion's Classis, \$57.53; Carlisle Classis, \$60.00; and Virginia Classis, \$45.00.—Making \$237.53.

Theological Seminary.—Zion's Classis, \$7.86; and Carlisle Classis, \$2.25.—Making \$10.11.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board met, pursuant to call of the President, at Hanover, Pa., on January 10th, and organized by calling J. T. Rossiter to the chair, and George N. Forney as Vice-President and Secretary. Members present were Elder H. M. Schmuck, J. T. Rossiter and George N. Forney.

The business claiming the attention of the Board was as follows:

Item 1. President stated he had received official notice from the President of the Synod, Rev. John G. Noss, of the positive declination of Elder H. M. Schmuck to fill the office of the Treasurer of Synod, as elected by Synod held at Martinsburg, W. Va. It appears from the Charter of the Synod of the Potomac, this Board has not the power or authority to elect a treasurer or to appoint one in case of death or vacancy from any cause. Therefore, as it is necessary to have some one authorized to attend to the receiving and disbursing of funds, it is deemed best and most prudent that this Board assume the responsibility of appointing an *Agent* of this Board as *Acting Treasurer*, until the next meeting of Synod. It was then resolved that Edgar Slagle, of Hanover, Pa., be appointed as *Agent* or *Acting Treasurer* until the next meeting of Synod.

Item 2. At a special meeting of Synod, held at Westminster, April 27th, 1898, this action of the Board was ratified and confirmed and Mr. Slagle has continued as *Acting Treasurer* until the present time. It will be the duty of Synod to elect a Treasurer at this meeting.

Item 3. Your Board would respectfully ask Synod to take some action looking towards the filling of any vacancy occurring in the office of its Treasurer

between the meetings of Synod. Your Board would beg to suggest that Synod pass a resolution authorizing the Board to appoint a Treasurer in case of vacancy until the next regular meeting of Synod.

Item 4. For an account of the receipts and disbursements of monies controlled by this Board, we beg to refer Synod to the Report of its Treasurer, presented at this meeting. Respectfully submitted, J. T. ROSSITER, *President*.

HANOVER, PA., Oct. 17th, 1893.

The portion of the report referring to the vacancy in the Treasurership of Synod was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. G. Noss, C. B. Heller and Elder W. H. Bargelt, for consideration. Subsequently the Committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of vacancy in the Treasurership of the Synod, submits the following report:

In respect to the request of the Board to the Synod for authority to fill the office of treasurer in case of the death, resignation or otherwise of the Treasurer elected by the Synod, at its annual meeting, the Synod does not consider itself competent to grant such authority, under the present provisions of the charter, and therefore authorizes and directs the Board of Trustees to have such amendment made to the charter as shall meet the aforesaid contingencies.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. Noss, *Chairman*.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay \$35.00 to the delegates of the North Carolina Classis, being one-half of their traveling expenses to the present meeting of Synod.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Edgar Slagle was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, for the term of five years, from January 1, 1894.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Edgar Slagle, five years; Elder Jacob N. Slagle, four years; Elder H. M. Schmuck, three years; Elder G. N. Forney, two years; and Rev. J. T. Rossiter, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Dear Brethren :—The Board, in rendering its report, is gratified to be able to state that there has been a marked advance in Sunday-school interest and enthusiasm during the past year within the bounds of the Synod; and we believe that the conventions which have been held at the various points, including Children's Day, have contributed largely to this result.

While the increase in the number of scholars has not been so large as you may have had reason to expect, we feel there has been compensation in the fact that there have been encouraging signs of improvement in the character of the schools and in the consecrated spirit in which they are conducted and taught.

We would, however, call you attention to the fact that, within the past twenty years of the history of the Reformed Church, the number of Sunday-school scholars has increased one hundred and thirty-six per cent. In 1872, the number of scholars reported was 63,088, and in 1892 the number was 149,028.

After all that has been wrought, "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Energized and enlightened by the Divine Spirit, let us push our work with such vigor and faith, that every child may be speedily brought within the shelter of the cross.

That these results may be more fully and promptly attained, the General Synod, recently in session at Reading, Pa., authorized its Sunday-school Board to elect a General Sunday-school Secretary who shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office, which, in part, should consist of visiting the churches and Sunday-schools of the different Classes, delivering addresses to emphasize the importance of the work, and awake greater interest in the study of the Scriptures.

This office having been created, and Rev. R. W. Miller having been chosen to perform the duties thereof, the Board urges the Synod to give its hearty, moral and financial support to the General Sunday-school Secretary, at least, to the extent asked by the General Synod.

The Seventh International Sunday-school Convention, recently in session at St. Louis, endorsed enthusiastically and with practical unanimity the International Lesson System. But it still remains true that there are some earnest Sunday-school workers who object, for several reasons, to the International System. The attention of such persons is directed to the Blakelee Graded Lesson Series which has been prepared to meet the objections to the system referred to.

Finances.

Balance in hands of the Treasurer at the close of the Synod, 1892,	\$22.45
Received from collection at Martinsburg, W. V.	5.57
	<hr/> \$28.02
Paid out to Jno. W. Rauch for Sunday-school Chapel at Falling Waters	20.00
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Leaving balance in Treasury October 16, 1893	\$8.02

Brethren, let us move forward in our great work, and after awhile we shall more fully and grandly realize the truth, that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

Respectfully submitted, G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

The following preamble and resolution were moved and adopted, viz :

WHEREAS, There is a wide-spread and deeply felt need for a Sunday-school Hymn Book, which, while giving our schools hymns adapted to the case of the

young, will not tend to cultivate a state of feeling and faith not in full accord with the spirit and culture of our own Church; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Synod be overtured to appoint a committee to prepare a hymn book for use in our Sunday-schools.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. A. T. G. Apple was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. A. T. G. Apple, five years; Rev. I. N. Peightel, four years; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, three years; Rev. W. I. Stewart, two years; and Elder G. S. Griffith, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with Item 18 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had two thousand copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twentieth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, at the cost of \$185.00. The bill was paid promptly by the Treasurer of Synod. The Minutes were ready for distribution, and were distributed in the beginning of December, fully two and one-half months earlier than those of the previous year.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1893.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods.

Brethren:—Your Publication Board reports that the publication interests continue in a flourishing state, as attested by the words of commendation received and by the steady growth in their circulation, notably in that of the *Reformed Church Messenger*, your leading and most effective organ. During the past year its subscription lists, under new efforts and attractive offers, have increased largely, and point to a greater increase in the future.

The books of the Lessee were duly audited. From these it appeared that the gross receipts for the year 1892 amounted to \$40,443.78, as compared with \$38,279.23 for the previous year, being an increase of \$2,164.55. Under the contract, therefore, the Treasurer of the Board received a contingent from the Lessee of \$1,213.81 for the past year. For the first time since the contract was made, the gross receipts have exceeded the basis agreed upon for computing the guarantee, and the treasury is receiving a corresponding benefit, a result

that again emphasizes the wisdom of your action in disposing of your publication interests under the existing lease.

The new Treasurer of the Board, Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., reports the condition of the Treasury of July 1st, 1893: Cash, \$3,291.53; investments, \$4,205.19; total, \$7,496.72.

At the meeting of the Board held September 6th, 1893, attention was called to the publication of books and papers by other persons, which interfere with the rights of both parties to the contract between Lessor and Lessee, and it was unanimously resolved to petition your bodies to take cognizance of these by adopting such measures of relief as your wisdom may suggest. A separate memorial, prepared by C. M. Boush, Esq., of Meadville, Pa., under authority of the Board embodying these complaints, will be presented for your consideration.

The Board, by the death, during the past year, of Mr. George W. Hensel, has lost one of its most efficient members, one who for many years took a deep interest in its publication affairs. The office of treasurer held by the late Mr. Hensel has been filled by the election of Mr. James T. Reber, of Reading, Pa., to succeed him. The vacancy in the Board caused by the death of Mr. Hensel has been filled by the election of John W. Bickel, Esq., of Norristown, Pa.

Another vacancy in the Board, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. John Cassa, of Bedford, Pa., has been filled by the election in his stead of G. S. Griffith, of Baltimore, Md., who was subsequently chosen President.

The attention of the Eastern Synod is called to the expiration of the term of Mr. James T. Reber, and that of the Pittsburgh Synod to the expiration of the term of Mr. C. M. Boush.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President.*

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, September 21st, 1893.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Publication would respectfully report, that there was placed in the hands of the Committee, the Report of the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church in the United States, for A.D., 1893.

From the Report of the Board of Publication, we learn that the gross receipts of the past year amounted to \$40,448.78, being an increase of \$2,164.55 over the previous year; that for the first time since the contract was entered into, the gross receipts have exceeded the basis agreed upon for computing the guarantee, and therefore, the Treasurer of the Board received a corresponding benefit of \$1,213.31; and calls attention to the fact that the total amount now in the hands of the Treasurer is \$7,496.72.

Furthermore, the Report calls attention to the publication of books and papers by other persons, which interfere with the rights of both parties to the contract, and in the memorial, which accompanies the Report, the Synod is urged to take such action as may be thought most effective to secure the strict adherence, on the part of Synod, her pastors and people, to the terms and conditions of the contract, knowing that in so doing they are building up, not a private enterprise, but are gathering means gradually for the permanent establishment of an institution of the Church in the not distant future.

In regard to the matters thus presented for the calm and intelligent consideration of Synod, your Committee would recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod is highly gratified to hear, through its Board, of the increase of gross receipts, and of the good management and the sound financial condition of its publication affairs.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that the Board has a perfect right to expect the patronage of the three Synods concerned for the Publication House of Philadelphia, and therefore this Synod once more expresses its sense of the solemn obligation resting upon it, of a moral and legal character, and urges most affectionately that the pastors and individual members abide faithfully by the terms of the contract now existing between the three Synods interested, and the lessee to whom the interest of our publication interests were committed, and therefore, our pastors and people are urged to give the preference to its publications.

Resolved, That this Synod, as expressed by the Synod of Pittsburgh, "regards all books and papers, even after the copyrights on them have expired, as still in one sense the property of the Board; and it regrets that the rule of courtesy usually prevailing between publishers in matters of this kind should be violated."

Resolved, That this Synod affectionately and earnestly reminds the several Classes under its care—pastors, consistories, and members—of the great importance of the presence of Church literature for a proper and intelligent advance of Church life and Church work, and, therefore, recommends that an energetic effort be made in every pastoral charge to increase the circulation of the periodicals of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. CARNAHAN, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder Samuel Hoeflich, two years; Elder G. S. Griffith, one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock of Saturday morning's session. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. C. B. Heller, L. F. Zinkhan, T. C. Strock and S. E. Stofflet, acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod and Sunday Schools.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, to whom items 9 and 10 of the Report on Overtures were referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented its report, during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

Beloved Brethren: Your committee on Orphan Homes respectfully offer the following as their report:

Reports of the Bethany and the St. Paul's Orphan Homes came into the hands of your committee, and we are glad in being able to notice that these important institutions of the Church are both in a prosperous condition. In the Bethany Orphans' Home there are now 108 children and 13 more are about being admitted. The secular and religious education of the children in this Home has received the usual and efficient attention, and we rejoice in the fact, that during the past year 20 of them were received into full membership of the Church by the solemn rite of confirmation. We regret that the Board reports an indebtedness of \$2,500, and that in consequence of the present financial condition of the Home some applications for admission had to be refused.

In St. Paul's Orphan Home there are now 75 children. Two deaths are reported as having occurred in this Home during the past year, but the general health of the children has been reasonably good. Here also the instruction of the children was evidently faithfully attended to by efficient teachers, and 12 of them were received into full membership of the Church. There are nine orphan children from our Synod in this Home at the present time, and the suggestion of the Superintendent that sufficient support for these children should come from this Synod we deem quite proper.

And now we offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to the Heavenly Father of the fatherless for the many blessings which He has bestowed upon these institutions of the Church, and that we beseech Him to continue His favors towards them.

Resolved, That we commend this holy cause anew to the liberality of our pastors and people; that the burden of indebtedness resting upon these noble institutions may be speedily removed, and that many more of the dependent orphans of the Church may be admitted to and cared for in these homes.

Respectfully submitted, W. C. CREMER, *Chairman*.

Revs. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, claims and needs of their respective Homes.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The following is a statement of the moneys received and expended on account of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S." within the bounds of your Reverend Synod for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1893.

RECEIPTS

Gettysburg Classis		\$261.91
Maryland	"	169.14
Juniata	"	180.00
Zion's	"	129.47
Virginia	"	108.00
Mercersburg	"	89.33
Carlisle	"	19.97
Total		\$907.82

EXPENDITURES.

Maryland Classis 4 Annuitants		\$225.00
Virginia	2	100.00
Carlisle	1	100.00
Mercersburg	1	75.00
Zion's	1	75.00
Gettysburg	1	50.00
Juniata	1	50.00
Total		\$675.00

A place is asked in your minutes for the enclosed statement of the operations of the Society for the past year. Further, the hope is expressed that your Reverend Synod will continue to encourage the Society in its noble work of relief to the disabled minister and the bereaved widow.

With the prayer for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations. I am, your fellow laborer in the gospel.

St. Petersburg, Pa., Sept. 30th, 1893.

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S." through its officers presents for the information of the Church and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of its receipts and expenditures for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1893:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per last year's report	\$3,496.22
" from call loans	7,584.05
" collections in the churches	2,518.02
" interest on investments	506.95
" miscellaneous sources	279.57
Total	\$14,384.81

EXPENDITURES.

Cash for investment	\$9,700.00
" paid 40 annuitants	2,140.00
" in treasury	2,396.00
" paid for expenses	98.81
Total	\$14,384.81
Invested Fund	31,550.00

In the year now closed eleven disabled ministers and twenty-nine widows or dependents of deceased ministers have been aided by the Society. In the com-

ing year, as far as is now known, the number of these needing aid will be increased by at least four more. The amount in the treasury available for this purpose may be needed for the appropriations made by the Society at its annual meeting Oct. 17th. 1898.

The membership of the Society in the past year has been increased by the addition of the names of thirty-six life and four annual members, as follows:

Life Members: Revs. M. H. Diefenderfer, Wm. A. Hale D. D., D. R. Taylor, L. Reiter, Jno. A. Hoffheins, D. D., R. L. Gerhart, T. S. Phillips, S. E. Stofflet, A. R. Bartholomew, J. J. Fisher, R. B. Reichard, D. O. Shoemaker, Wm. A. Helffrich D. D., A. J. Herman, Jos. H. Dubbs D. D., W. W. Clouser, Wm. A. Haas, H. F. Dittmar, W. E. Krebs, E. D. Miller, C. Gumbert, T. S. Land, S. Chas. Stover, H. Hilbish, W. Delany, Lucian Cort, Jas. Grant, J. F. Snyder, J. David Miller, A. Wanner D. D., A. Spangler, Chas. Knepper, H. D. Darbaker, E. E. Hiester, Jas. A. Schultz and R. S. Appel.

Annual Members: Revs. H. J. Rentenik D. D., F. Strassner, W. Walenta, and Jno. A. Peters D. D.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

The following action of last year was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayer of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

The special Committee, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, to arrange for a suitable observance of the Centennial Celebration of the autonomy or self-government of the Reformed Church in the United States, reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

The Committee to whom was entrusted, with similar Committees of the other Synods, the consideration of celebrating the Centennial of the founding of our independent existence as a Church in this country, begs leave to report, that, together with the Committees of the Eastern, the Ohio, and the Pittsburgh Synods, and the Synod of the Interior, we considered the matter, and organized a plan well known to this Synod, and the Church at large, for its observance. To carry the same into effect we arranged for celebrating the organization of the first Synod, in every Church or charge, every Classis and Synod, and by the General Synod itself. And it is evident that this celebration has been attended with good results, already, to our people. It has been a means of educating our people in the doctrines and history of our Church in this country, and in still further developing the liberality as well as in honoring the fathers who planted the Church in this country, and labored for it so faithfully in the beginning.

With the approval of the General Synod the joint committee arranged for a presentation of our Church on September 21st, in connection with the World's Religious Congress at Chicago, when and where papers were read by represen-

tative ministers of our Church covering the subjects suggested by this centennial, and which will be printed in the volume of that wonderful Parliament from all lands.

We now recommend to this Synod the setting apart of a portion of time, as your wisdom may suggest, at this meeting, to close this Centennial observance. We have taken the liberty, supposing it would meet with your pleasure, to select for you the following persons, who have prepared papers on the topics assigned them, namely :

Rev. Dr. W. M. Deatrick, "A Brief History of our Church in this Country, during the Century, and a Sketch of the History of the Synod of the Potomac, since its organization."

Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman, "The Literary and Theological Institutions of our Church in this Country."

Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, "The Historical Development of the Theological Doctrines of our Church in this Country."

Rev. Dr. C. Clever, "The Benevolent and Charitable Institutions of our Church in this Country."

The expenses of the committee have been \$20.40, and our portion of the expenses of the general committee are \$3.25, together making \$23.65.

Respectfully submitted, J. O. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The bill of expenses was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

By reference to the Report on Religious Services it will be seen that the Synod devoted two evenings of its sessions to carrying into execution the programme provided by the committee; Wednesday evening being given to the first two addresses, and Thursday evening to the last two.

The following resolutions were also adopted to wit :

Resolved, That the treasurers of the different pastoral charges of the Synod be directed to pay the centennial offerings to their respective Classical treasurers, and that these be hereby requested to report the same to the Treasurer of Synod, and that he publish the reception of such offerings, in order that the Church may know how much money was raised for the different objects.

Resolved, That the attention of the pastors and consistories be called to the foregoing action.

Resolved, That the addresses and papers presented to the Synod, having reference to the Centennial Celebration, be placed in the hands of the Centennial Committee, of which Rev. J. O. Miller is Chairman, to be published either in the *Quarterly Review*, or as the committee may deem expedient.

Item 3 of the Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee, composed of Revs. J. L. Murphy, C. W. Levan, and Elder G. S. Griffith, for consideration.

The committee presented its report, which was received, and after discussion the report was laid on the table, and the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to reply to Rev. J. Muellhaupt's communication.

At the session of Wednesday morning Revs. J. D. Miller, E. R. Deatrick, and J. M. Runkle were constituted a reportorial committee to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The reporters, appointed by Synod to furnish abstracts of its proceedings, beg leave to state, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and reports were furnished to the members of the United Press Company, the *Gettysburg Star and Sentinel*, the *Gettysburg Compiler*, the *Altoona Tribune*, and the *Baltimore American*.
Respectfully submitted, J. D. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The following action was reiterated:

Resolved, That the pastor of the place in which the Synod meets, together with the officers of Synod constitute a committee, which shall have in charge the arrangements of subjects for the several evenings, while the Synod is in session, and shall appoint the persons who shall speak, and shall inform them at least two weeks beforehand.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Consistory of the Reformed Church of Gettysburg, twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

The following was moved and adopted:

With a view to securing enlarged contributions from persons of means for Beneficiary Education and other benevolent objects, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod respectfully requests the several Classes to appoint one or more persons to constitute a standing committee, whose duty it shall be, in a quiet way, to secure funds, bequests and legacies, to supplement the beneficiary fund and other benevolent interests of our Church.

The Synod took a recess on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of making a tour over the Gettysburg Battlefield. The afternoon was fine and was pleasantly spent in visiting the different portions of this renowned battlefield.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received, amended, and then adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

In the kind providence of the Great Head of the Church, by whom the Father governs all things, there was but one death in our ministerial ranks during the past Synodical year, the Lord being very merciful to His servants in sparing their lives for future usefulness.

Rev. Jeremiah Ingold, D.D., was born in Guilford County, N. C., September 25th, 1816, and died at Hickory, N. C., February 11th, 1898, aged 76 years, 4 months, and 17 days.

The deceased graduated from Marshall College in September, 1841, and was the last surviving member of the class of that year. He entered the Theological Seminary, then located at Mercersburg, in the autumn of 1842, and spent one year in connection with that institution, withdrawing therefrom in September, 1848. In 1844 he was licensed by the North Carolina Classis, and spent about

a year in teaching and preaching as a licentiate to a small congregation. In 1845 he was ordained by the same Classis to the work of the holy ministry, and installed as pastor of the West Rowan charge, in which field he labored diligently and successfully for ten years. In 1855 he received and accepted a call to Grace charge, in Catawba County, N. C., where for eighteen years he broke the bread of life to that people.

In 1878, owing to growing infirmities, he retired from the active duties of the pastorate and removed to Hickory, N. C., where for the remainder of his life he lived, supplying the pulpit in the capacity of associate pastor. As a preacher and pastor he was highly appreciated by his people. Although suffering much during the last few years of his life, he was always cheerful, and looked forward with joy to the call of the Master to receive his reward, to which he was called after nearly fifty years spent in the ministry.

Respectfully submitted, LEWIS RITTER, *Chairman.*

During the session of Saturday forenoon, the announcement of the death of the Rev. Dr. Philip Schaff, which took place at his home in New York City the previous morning, was made; whereupon the officers of the Synod were instructed to convey by telegraph to the bereaved household of the deceased, the sympathy and condolence of the Synod in their bereavement. Subsequently a committee was appointed of all the members of Synod in attendance who had studied under Dr. Schaff at Mercersburg, namely, Revs. W. E. Krebs, J. A. Hoffheins, J. M. Mickley, J. O. Miller and W. M. Deatrick, to prepare a minute on his death. Whilst Dr. Schaff never was a member of the Synod of the Potomac, having transferred his membership from the Reformed to the Presbyterian Church prior to the organization of the Synod, nevertheless, he was a member of the Mercersburg Classis for fully twenty years, from 1845 to 1865, when he was dismissed to the New York Classis.

The Committee failed to furnish the required minute or report.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Pastor loci*, and to the members of the Reformed Church and other citizens of Gettysburg, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of the Synod.

Resolved, That the pastor be requested to read the foregoing resolution from his pulpit.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the management of the Western Maryland, the Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia and Reading Railroads, for the favor of excursion rates granted to the members of Synod passing over those roads.

At Wednesday forenoon's session, a committee on leave of absence was appointed, composed of Revs. L. F. Zinkhan, T. C. Strock, and Elder S. D. Piper. Those granted leave of absence by the committee from the remaining sessions of the Synod are marked by the letters of the alphabet as their names occur, in Article II., Delegates Present.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the roll was called and the following delegates were found absent without permission, namely: Elders I. H. Keefer, A. H. Beitler, and D. S. Chronister.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the First Reformed Church of York, York Co., Pa., Tuesday evening, October 16th, 1894, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday afternoon, October 23d, at 4 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

JACOB O. MILLER, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

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WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd	Rep-tema.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Kxroom.	Krausures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Om. & Tes.	B. B. Bohl's.	Stud. for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Inf'ts.	Adults.												Renew. Purp.	Cong. Purp.		
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	First Reformed, York,	1	370	105	20	5	38	4	315	8			9	2		495	3	\$843	00	113 S. Duke St., York, Pa.	
Aaron Wanner, D. D.,	Kreutz Creek,	5	377	195	30	11	3	239	7				13	6		520		275	00	York, do	
Aaron Spangler,	Trinity,	7	559	350	72	2	30	3	443	4			15	11		340		148	00	507 W. Market St., York, do	
Reuben Kanauser,	Without charge.																			York, do	
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	Paradise,	4	980	585	81	4	42	17	904	14			34	11		690		599	00	441 W. Market St., York, do	
Alfred F. Dreisbach,	Shrewsbury,	5	745	615	55	1	26	14	625	7		1	18	5		405	2	921	00	Shrewsbury, York County, do	
Phaon W. Snyder,	Mt. Pleasant,	4	117	110	8				100	2			7	5		190		28	00	Red Lion, do do	
Oliver P. Schellhamer,	Zion's Ch., York,	1	500	290	33		21	12	400	3		6	4	1		400	1	150	00	411 W. Phila. St., York, do	
Henry A. Bomberger,	Heidelberg, York,	1	350	200	10	1	21	33	285	1		14	6	1		430	2	175	00	200 S. Duke St., York, do	
Aaron Leisse,	Dillaburg,	4	253	120	14	3	4		196	2			9			19		71	00	Dillaburg, York County, do	
Isaac N. Peightel,	Grace, York,	1	185	90	9	1	4	25	160	3		2	2	1		308		545	00	West Hartley St., York, do	
Paul M. Spangler,	Lieutenant,																			507 W. Market St., do do	
Total. 12.		33	4436	2660	332	17	197	111	3667	51		23	117	43		3797		8	\$3755	00	19108 00

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Infes.	Bap- tisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Recom- mendations.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Off. & Tea.	S. S. Sch'ls.	Min. Stud.	Benev. Purp.s.	Cong. Purp.s.	Contributions.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
Joseph W. Santee, D. D.,	Without charge,	1	630	350	37	1	27	16	522	16	5	45	1	59	500	1	\$2104 00	\$3402 00	Caretown, Md.	1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., do
George L. Staley, D. D.,	"	2	210	100	22	2	3	5	195			8	2	31	160		155 00	935 00	Frederick, do	
Edmund R. Seebach, D. D.,	Evans Ref. Ch., Frlk.,	1	415	214	9	3	15	21	359	6		10	1	39	302		613 00	3400 00	Clear Spring, do	229 N. Potomac St., Hager's'n, do
William Goodrich,	Zion Ch., Hagerstown,	1	543	367	36	25	8	437	7			11	1	44	335	2	969 00	3100 00	822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, do	
J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.,	First Church,	1	440	270	16	1	16	1	310	1		4	1	37	250		591 00	2200 00	Middletown, do	
Joel T. Rossiter, D. D.,	Middletown,	1	575	425	33	1	26	11	425	9		13	1	11	110	1	102 00	5463 00	Silver Run, do	
T. Franklin Hoffmeier,	Silver Run,	1	418	112	20	1	21	6	168			6	3	24	255		106 00	830 00	Mt. Pleasant, do	
John G. Noss,	Mt. Pleasant,	1	358	109	12	3	19	6	338	6	16	5	1	38	268		1807 00	3000 00	518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., do	
Anthony Shulenberger,	Third Church,	3	368	233	40	5	35	2	230	7		1	5	53	238	1	162 00	960 00	Frederick, do	
Conrad Clever, D. D.,	Utica,	1	173	115	12	10	9	129	4			2	2	1	18	160	245 80	811 00	109 Pleasant St., Baltimore, do	
Silas M. Hench,	Prison Chaplain,	1	197	83	5	3	8	3	171			1	6	2	36	195	171 00	830 00	342 3d Ave., Woodberry, do	
Louis F. Zinkhan,	Trinity, Woodberry,	3	140	75	4	3	3	117	3			1	1	12	100	1	115 00	1000 00	Keedyville, Pa. do	
E. Ranson Dearick,	Without charge,	2	260	110	7	4	8	11	206	12		6	2	31	250	1	218 00	2302 00	Westminster, do	
U. Henry Hellman,	Mt. Moriah	1	150	120	27	13	10	118	3			3	1	1	18	450	140 00	964 00	Hagerstown, do	
Barton R. Caruahan,	Christ Ch., Hagersta..	4	374	363	20	11	5	345	7			13	11	4	57	330	273 00	1136 00	2424 E. Baltimore St., Balt., do	
Garvin S. Slagle,	Westminster.	2	131	55	8	1	9	12	104	2		4	1	18	96		173 00	1524 00	Mechanistown, do	
G. Albert Snyder,	Grace, Washington,	2	210	103	5	1	7	3	199			2	2	29	171		368 00	915 00	Lancaster, Pa. do	
Adam S. Weber,	Jefferson,	2	283	155	15	14	10	225	5			5	2	22	103		127 00	518 00	1405 15th St., N. W., Wash., D. C. do	
George A. Whitmore,	Boonsboro,	3	79	55	8	6	18	8	63	2		2	2	27	135		41 00	675 00	Boonaboro', do	
Newton J. Miller,	Union Bridge,	3	131	55	8	1	9	12	104	2		2	2	27	135		41 00	675 00	Union Bridge, do	
A. Thomas G. Apple,	Sabillasville,	3	131	55	8	1	9	12	104	2		2	2	27	135		41 00	675 00	Sabillasville, do	
Harry F. Dittmar,	Without charge,	1	131	55	8	1	9	12	104	2		2	2	27	135		41 00	675 00	Middletown, do	
George W. Snyder,	"	1	131	55	8	1	9	12	104	2		2	2	27	135		41 00	675 00	Emmitsburg, Pa. do	
Marion L. Firor,	St. Stephen's,	3	326	160	12	25	9	273	6			4	1	7	50		114 00	539 00	Philadelphia, Pa. do	
James R. Lewis,	Carroll,	2	183	125	7	2	8	7	151	2		8	3	21	120		120 00	643 00	330 E. Second St., Baltimore, Md.	
Henry W. Hoffmeier,	Glade,	3	408	111	9	2	17	3	313	1		9	3	36	155	1	274 00	883 00	Westminster, do	
Jacob B. Kerchner,	Caretown,	3	119	89	11	1	5	7	97			6	2	23	183		151 00	975 00	Caretown, do	
Frank Lambader,	Christ, Baltimore,	3	196	102	11	1	2	179	2			2	2	8	130		185 00	1265 00	422 Lanrens St., Baltimore, do	
Charles W. Levan,	Manor,	1	380	143	9	3	3	250	8			4	1	32	350	1	425 00	2089 00	Adamstown, do	
Hiram J. McAllister,	St. Paul's, Baltimore,	3	530	320	14	6	2	375	13			8	3	40	255		96 00	750 00	N. Carrollton Ave., Balt., do	
Atwill Conner,	Manchester,	1	120	75	3	3	1	2	108	2		6	1	9	80		60 00	440 00	Emmitsburg, do	
Charles A. Santee,	Emmitsburg,	2	250	160	25	1	15	3	223	6		12	1	24	230		180 00	477 00	Burkittsville, do	
William I. Stewart,	Burkittsville,	1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00	Taneytown, do	
Isaac M. Motter,	Vasant,	1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00	Manchester, do	
Lloyd E. Coblentz,	Sup., T. F. Hoffmeier,	1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00	Burkittsville, do	
Samuel M. Roeder,	Without charge,	1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00	Taneytown, do	
S. F. Hoffmeier,		1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00	1913 W. Lanvale St., Balt., do	
Alfred M. Schaffner,		1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00		
William C. Sykes,		1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00		
Taneytown,		1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00		
Fairview,		1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00		
Alexander Bateman,		1	51	30	5	1	1	3	39			2	1	6	30		27 00	665 00		

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bap- tisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Off. & Ten.	S. S. Sch'rs.	Stud. for the Min'y.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infant.	Adult.											Benev't purposes.	Cong'nal purposes.	
William M. Deatrick, D.D.,	Without charge,	2	175	75	13	1	8	2	158	13			6	2	26	165		\$53 78	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jacob Haasler, D. D.	Supply London charge	1	450	330	12	5	16	7	360	4			6	1	27	312		130 95	Fort London, do do
William C. Cremer,	1st Ch., Chambersburg,	3	509	225	21	10	16	31	446	5			28	2	40	450		550 53	do do
Franklin F. Bahner,	Waynesboro,	1	85	34	1		16	31	446	5			2	1	12	80	1	496 09	do do
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.,	Supply Mont Alto ch.								60	9								1510 00	Waynesboro, do do
George B. Russell, D.D.,	Without charge.	1	257	109	14	10	25	19	229	5			2	1	20	310		67 22	do do
Jonas B. Shontz,	2d Church, Chamb'g,	3	371	150	15	4	10	6	254	15			5	3	36	270	1	210 00	Chambersburg, do do
Zwingli A. Yearick,	Mercersburg,	3	371	150	15	4	10	6	254	15			5	3	36	270	1	307 02	do do
Tilghman R. Dietz,	Shippensburg,	1	220	80	6	2	2		198	6			6	1	22	195	1	244 90	Shippensburg, Cumberland do
Sefellen E. Stofflet,	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	220	150	14	10	24	11	200	4			9	2	33	225		235 50	Waynesboro, Franklin do
Irwin M. Beaver,	Grindstonehill,	2	336	150	17	36	63	20	316	4			1	12	2	34	200	234 63	do do
George C. Erb,	McConnellsburg,	3	187	69	8	4	22	1	140	2			2	4	27	225		63 80	do do
Vacant,	Greencastle,	2	325	285	15	7	15	17	290	10			22	15	2	41	220	137 50	do do
"	St. Thomas,	3	175	83					156				2	3	20	115		78 00	do do
"	Lemaster,	1	25	16	1		2	9	23	2			1	1	6	30		13 95	do do
"	Fayetteville,	1	21	10					20				1	1	6	25		8 31	Fayetteville, do do
George R. Zacharias,	Disabled,																	78 00	Upper Strasburg, Franklin do
John M. North,	Disabled licentiate,																		
Total, 14.		26	3356	1766	137	89	203	131	2850	75		29	96	25	350	2822	4	\$3132 18	\$19925 46

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congs.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Bap- tisms.		Confirmed.	Cen- sile.	Communi- cants.	Dis- missed.	Kroom.	Krausers.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	B. S. Schlr.	Stud. Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Int'rs.	Adults.												Beney.	Cong. Par.		
Wm. R. H. Deatrich, Amos H. Kramer, D.D., J. J. David Miller, Wm. H. Grob, Joseph W. Bell, George A. House, Landisburg, Zion's, Samuel P. Stauffer, James M. Rankie, Mechanicsburg, Without charge, Solomon B. Schafer, Milton H. Grob, Sam'l N. Callender, D.D.,	New Bloomfield, Carlisle, Duncannon, Sulphur Spring, Newburg, George A. House, Landisburg, Zion's, Mechanicsburg, Without charge, Solomon B. Schafer, Milton H. Grob, Sec'y of For'n Missions,	3 1 3 3 1 4 4 1	376 310 195 209 155 401 487 235	156 130 76 97 72 208 345 105	29 8 5 8 5 17 48 1	6 14 1 4 12 13 16 3	18 11 2 7 4 15 2	21 270 153 192 151 376 395 208	12 1 2 4 2 9 52 1	362 14 153 4 4 18 395 208	12 1 2 4 4 9 52 1	12 9 2 4 4 12 4 5	36 27 36 21 16 16 5 1	46 27 36 31 16 16 5 20	451 175 220 140 100 360 498 126	1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2	\$565 00 304 10 299 86 179 40 200 00 365 00 237 00 280 00	\$1585 00 2601 00 904 46 684 00 650 00 2070 00 988 00 573 00	Newport, Perry County, Carlisle, Cumberland County, do Marysville, Perry County, do Carlisle, Cumberland County, do Newburg, Cumberland Co., do Landisburg, Perry County, do Rhein, Perry County, do Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, do Martinsburg, Blair County, do Columbus, Ohio. Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, Pa.		
Total, 11.		21	2368	1189	85	26	79	72	2107	48			64	54	21	285	2070	5	\$2430 26	\$10055 46	

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregat'ns.	Members.	Members unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Kroom.	Ereasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. School- ars.	Bruds. for Min	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
					Infants.	Adults.												Beney. Purps.	Cong'l Purps.		
Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.,	Without charge.	3	342	91	1	1	9	9	315	10			3	3	43	288			\$193 00	\$1011 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
William A. Long,	Hickory Bottom,	3	423	265	19	3	14	8	309	11			8	2	31	275	1		1126 00	1305 00	Mar insburg, do do
Calvin U. Heilman,	Water Street,	2	318	168	13		8	6	201	9			4	2	31	198	1		305 00	3649 00	Greencastle, Franklin Co., do
John W. Pontius,	Martinsburg,	1	174	68	6		7	6	156	16			7	1	17	124			158 00	1244 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., do
R. Leighton Gerhart,	Bedford,	3	284	181	13	1	7	6	244	3			11	3	31	216			158 00	673 00	Bedford, Bedford Co., do
Samuel C. Storer,	Dunning's Creek,	1	252	85	3	5	16	5	212	5			1	5	27	221	1		316 00	1170 00	Cessna, do do
Wm. C. Schaefer, Ph.D.,	Huntingdon,	1	515	218	30	6	33	39	395	11			13	1	20	250			713 00	2258 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., do
John F. Moyer,	Altoona (Christ),	5	413	240	29	21	70	34	379	6			11	5	63	263	1		105 00	1004 00	12th Ave., Altoona, do
Titus C. Strook,	Woodcock Valley,	4	475	557	32	10	30	5	397	8			11	5	43	410			216 00	1669 00	James Creek, Huntingdon Co., do
Simon U. Waugaman,	Greenfield,	3	204	130	15	3	9	3	196	1			10	3	2	16	70		110 00	945 00	Claysburg, Blair Co., do
Daniel G. Hetrick,	Schellsburg,	3	208	74	25	18	58	13	159	8			6	2	24	197			250 00	1074 00	Schellsburg, Bedford Co., do
Edward W. Stonebraker,	Yellow Creek,	3	165	140	12		9	2	145	2			11	2	22	75			134 00	650 00	Loyaburg, do do
Ambrose C. Geary,	Friend's Cove,	3	331	220	23		6	2	289	7			8	9	2	243	2		528 00	1052 00	St. Clairsville, do do
Thomas N. Reber,	St. Clairsville,	3	322	220	31	2	31	5	280	11			4	1	13	180			200 00	1275 00	Mann's Choice, do do
Homer S. May,	Salphur Springs,	3	267	132					213				3	3	32	187	1		64 00	169 00	McConnellist'n, Hunt'don Co., do
Harry E. Jones,	McConnellstown,	3	95	56					58				3	2		72					Orbisonia, do do
William H. Landis,	Orbisonia,	2	110	69	4	4	10	4	71	8			5	5	1	18	100		171 00	914 00	Everett, Bedford Co., do
Eugene L. McLean,	Everett,	1	277	125	20	3	17	27	238	12			1	1	1	28	246		316 00	2033 00	611 8th Street, Altoona, do
Lewis Robb,	Altoona (Trinity),	3	65	51	1														14 00	103 00	Clearville, Bedford Co., do
Vacant,	Clear Ridge,																				Tyrone, Blair Co., do
Francis M. Line,	Tyrone Mission,*																				
Total, 21.		50	5240	3090	277	77	326	174	4347	128			31	106	39	459	3525	7	\$5077 00	\$22198 00	

* Organized since the meeting of Classis.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

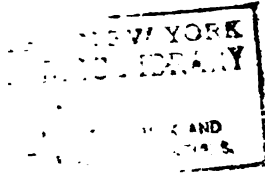
Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

CLASSES.	Minist.	Congregations.	Members.		Unbaptized Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communiante.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Names.	Deaths.	Sunday School Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Holy Ministry.	Contributions.		
			Members.	Unbaptized Members.		Infants.	Adults.											Berevolent Purposes.	Compulsory Purposes.	
Zion's,	12	33	4,436	2,660	332	17	197	111	3,667	51		23	117	43	3,797	8		\$755 00	\$19 108 00	
Maryland,	39	61	8,519	4,837	445	39	374	183	6,486	149		52	206	56	903	16		10,212 00	44,363 00	
Mercedburg,	14	26	3,356	1,766	137	89	203	131	2,850	75		29	96	26	350	4		3,132 18	19,925 46	
Virginia,	21	30	2,200	1,014	101	47	120	56	1,677	27		2	44	23	1,690	5		1,960 00	8,138 00	
North Carolina,	15	39	2,889	1,577	118	24	110	34	2,240	54		22	31	29	2,119	6		903 00	7,736 00	
Gettysburg -	18	29	5,435	3,558	310	30	282	122	4,628	66		64	126	27	2,585	8		12,816 00	17,540 00	
Carlisle -	11	21	2,368	1,189	85	26	79	72	2,107	48		64	54	21	285	5		2,430 26	10,055 46	
Juniata,	20	50	5,240	3,090	277	77	326	174	4,347	128		31	106	39	459	7		5,077 00	22,198 00	
Portland-Oregon,*	11	19	621	572	72		24	33	478			23	10	11		395		172 00	3,708 00	
Total, - - - 9 Classes,	161	308	35,065	21,163	1,897	349	1,715	916	28,830	598		272	790	275	2,269	25,482	57	\$40,457 44	\$152,073 92	
Eastern Synod, - - 11 Classes,	272	497	90,999	50,869	5,512	501	4,520	2,414	72,680	1,361		3	1,297	2,365	608	7,116	64,858	106	\$94,611 00	\$370,946 00
Synod of Ohio, - - 6 Classes,	108	218	20,238	9,979	775	470	1,036	703	17,181	533		9	616	307	203	2,702	18,053	37	18,762 00	86,232 00
Synod of Pittsburgh, - 5 Classes,	63	142	15,614	9,436	943	125	761	690	12,898	545		3	296	300	111	446	10,067	13	28,165 00	73,053 00
Synod of the North West, 10 Classes,	146	200	19,534	13,402	1,832	25	963	860	14,240	139		8	338	417	182	11,069	39	14,886 00	117,513 00	
German Synod of the East, 5 Classes,	52	47	13,225	9,439	2,138	7	678	634	10,901	116		512	554	46	1,029	9,884	6	7,710 00	83,183 00	
Central Synod, - 4 Classes,	81	113	18,947	11,072	1,194	31	786	791	13,498	188		6	485	416	103	1,119	11,516	21	12,014 00	83,431 00
Synod of the Interior, - 5 Classes,	40	66	2,814	1,516	164	37	101	106	2,053	55		2	75	51	53	475	2,955	5	3,313 52	16,913 60
Grand Total, 8 Dist Synods: 55 Classes,	923	1,591	216,436	122,926	14,455	1,545	10,565	7,114	172,281	3,553		3,891	5,180	1,581	15,166	153,984	284	\$219,919 96	\$983,346 96	

* Statistics of 1892.

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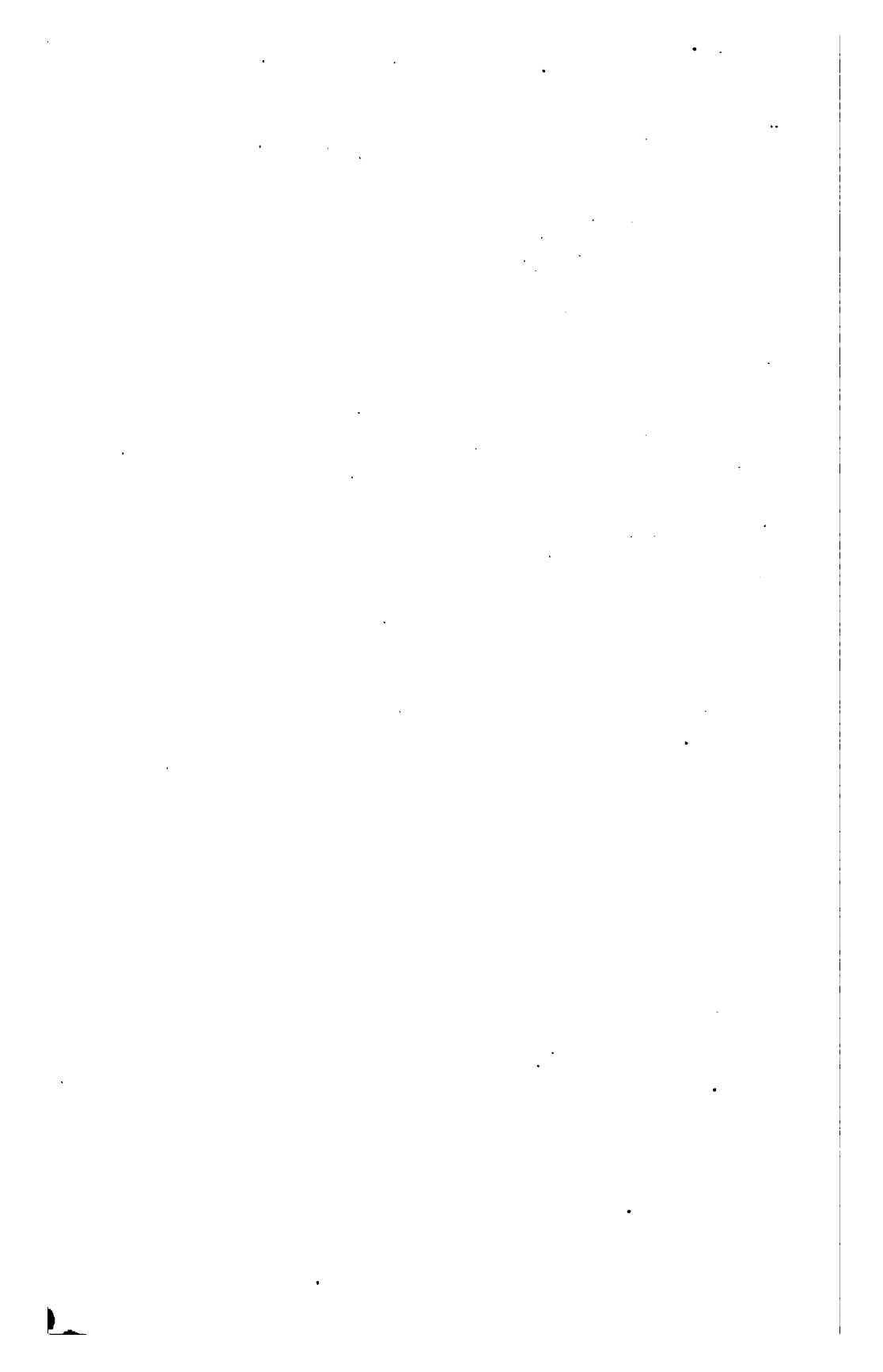
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions in York, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the sixteenth and continued until the evening of the twenty-second day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

Opening of Synod.

The Synod convened in the First Reformed Church of York, York County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 16th, A. D. 1894, at 7.30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. E. R. Eachbach, D.D., at the request of the retiring President, from Acts 28 : 31—"Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

Delegates Present.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers :—Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Aaron Spangler, Phaon W. Snyder,^a and Aaron H. Leiss.²

Elders :—Charles A. Shultz, Milton W. Bahn, Lewis W. Feistel, and John H. Bowman.³

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers :—Lloyd E. Coblentz, J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D., Edmund R. Eachbach, D.D., William Goodrich, Calvin S. Slagle, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, William I. Stewart, John G. Noss, Joseph W. Santee, D.D., Henry F. Dittmar, George W. Snyder,¹ Samuel M. Roeder, Adam S. Weber,² and Conrad Clever,⁴ D.D.

Elders :—Jacob H. Cost, H. Wirt Shriver, Edward A. Shriner, David M. Schnebly,³ W. Scott Kefauver, David C. Hammett,¹ Goldsborough S. Griffith, Andrew A. Hammar,² Abraham H. Geiman,³ Oscar D. Gilbert,^{5b} James M. Gervin,⁴ and William H. Harry.^{2a}

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers :—Tilghman R. Dietz, William C. Cremer, Sefellen E. Stoffet,¹ George B. Russell, D.D., Irwin M. Beaver and George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.

Elders:—Loudon F. Benchoff,¹ George W. Lachman, Thomas W. Cashman,² Thomas G. Zarger,¹ Reuben Shover,^{2a} and George A Wood.^{2a}

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Samuel A. Hitner,^b Calvin B. Heller, Henry Ditzler, Nehemiah H. Skyles,³ and Thomas K. Cromer.⁴
Elders:—William A. Pence, Henry J. Seibert, Theodore H. Davis, Jacob Z. Fravel,³ and Americus J. Souder.⁵

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers:—Paul Barringer, Jacob C. Leonard, and Jacob M. L. Lyerly.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—George P. Stem, Thomas J. Barkley, D.D., John F. Mackley, M.D.,¹ George B. Resser,³ John H. Hartman,³ and Milton M. Noacher.³

Elders:—Isaac F. Brinkerhoff,⁴ George N. Forney,³ William H. Deatrick,³¹ Solomon Swartz,³ Jacob Gochenour,³ and Emanuel Renoll.³¹

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—Joseph W. Bell, J. David Miller, James M. Runkle, and William H. Groh.

Elders:—Samuel S. Brenner,¹ Ephraim A. Shulenberg,¹ D.D.S., Joseph Wolf,¹ and John B. Shulenberg.¹

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—Lewis Robb, John W. Pontius, R. Leighton Gerhart, John F. Moyer, S. Charles Stover, Daniel G. Hetrick, and Thomas N. Reber.

Elders:—Samuel B. Isenberg, J. Scott Corle, John H. Stephens, George L. Freet, Benjamin S. Fouse, David R. Earlenbaugh, and Jonathan Dibert.

IX.—From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. James R. Lewis occupied the seat of Rev. O. Clever, during the first three sessions of the Synod. Rev. William M. Deatrick was admitted to the seat vacated by Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh at the sixth session and occupied it to the close of the sessions. Rev. Edward D. Miller occupied the seat of Rev. G. B. Resser, during the first two sessions.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Mercersburg Classis:—Revs. William M. Deatrick, D.D., Jacob Hassler, D.D., Jonas B. Shontz, and Calvin U. Heilman.

Maryland Classis:—Revs. E. Ranson Deatrick, James R. Lewis, Anthony Shulenberg, Charles W. Levan, Alvill Conner, Jr., Isaac M. Motter, William C. Sykes, K. O. Spessard, and Elder J. Henry Lampe.

Zion's Classis:—Revs. Isaac N. Peightel, Morgan A. Peters, Reuben Ra-hauser, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D., William H. Loose, and Elders J. Deissinger, M.D., and Peter C. Wiest.

Gettysburg Classis:—Revs. John C. Bowman, D.D., Walter E. Krebs, Edward D. Miller, William D. Lefevre, Francis S. Lindaman, Peter E. Heimer, and Elder Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis:—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D.D.

Juniata Classis:—Revs. Edward W. Stonebraker, and Titus C. Strock.

Eastern Synod:—Revs. Theodore Appel, D.D., Charles G. Fisher, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, John H. Pannebecker, John J. Stauffer, Jonathan W. Miller, Charles H. Slinghoff, Charles E. Wehler, W. S. Stubblebine, Emanuel V. Gerhart, D.D., J. W. Meminger, Jerome B. Henry, Rufus W. Miller, John S. Stahr, D.D., James I. Good, D.D., H. H. W. Hibschman, D.D., Tilghman O. Stem, and Adam C. Whitmer.

Pittsburgh Synod:—Revs. Simon S. Miller, Peter C. Prugh, D.D., John H. Prugh, D.D., John McConnell, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., and David N. Dittmar.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Revs. J. W. Leisure, A. W. Lilly, D.D., Wm. S. Freas, D.D., M. J. Alleman, D.D., Adam Stump, G. W. Enders, D.D., A. G. Fastnacht, and W. W. Anstadt of the Lutheran Church, Revs. H. E. Niles, D.D., and G. L. Smith of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. R. Dunkerly of the Methodist Church, and Rev. C. A. Burtner of the United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE III.

Election of Officers.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. R. L. Gerhart, *President*, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. W. I. Stewart, *Vice-President*, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. C. B. Heller, *Corresponding Secretary*, Mt. Crawford, Va.

Rev. J. F. Moyer, *Reading Clerk*, Altoona, Pa.

Elder Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

Rules of Order.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the larger room of the chapel, in which the Synod held its sessions.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 and close at 11.30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4.30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

Standing Committees.

The President appointed the following standing Committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. O. Miller, I. N. Peightel, A. Spangler, and Elders L. W. Feistel and W. S. Kefauver.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, W. I. Stewart, J. B. Lewis, and Elders L. F. Benchoff and H. J. Seibert.

Overtures.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, H. F. Dittmar, T. R. Dietz, and Elders I. F. Brinkerhoff, and D. C. Hammett.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. W. Pontius, J. C. Leonard, H. Ditzler, and Elders S. B. Isenberg, and J. H. Bowman.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. G. B. Russell, J. G. Noes, P. Barringer, and Elders H. W. Shriver, and G. N. Forney.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, W. Goodrich, T. N. Reber, and Elders W. A. Pence, and C. A. Shultz.

Education.—Revs. A. S. Weber, L. E. Coblenz, C. B. Heller, and Elders S. B. Isenberg, and B. S. Fouse.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. W. H. Groh, I. M. Beaver, J. F. Mackley, and Elders J. S. Corle, and G. W. Lachman.

Missions.—Revs. L. Robb, J. F. Moyer, J. C. Leonard, and Elders G. L. Freet, and C. A. Shultz.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. W. C. Cremer, T. N. Reber, H. Ditzler, and Elders G. S. Griffith, and J. S. Corle.

Publication.—Revs. G. W. Snyder, C. B. Heller, S. M. Roeder, and Elders E. A. Shriner, and H. J. Seibert.

Finance.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, T. F. Hoffmeier, W. C. Cremer, and Elders G. S. Griffith, and D. M. Schnebly.

Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund.—Rev. T. J. Barkley, and Elders G. N. Forney, and H. W. Shriver.

Nominations.—Revs. S. C. Stover, W. C. Cremer, J. W. Pontius, and Elders G. L. Freet, and E. A. Shulenberger.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. J. W. Santee, G. W. Aughinbaugh, D. G. Hetrick, and Elders T. W. Chapman, and J. Wolf.

ARTICLE VI. Communications.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

Religious Services.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services:

REFORMED CHURCHES.

FIRST CHURCH.

Wednesday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. C. Clever. Liturgical services by Revs. W. C. Cremer and G. B. Russell.

Thursday Evening.—Educational Meeting. Liturgical services by Revs. W. Goodrich and J. W. Pontius.

1. Duty of the Church to her educational institutions, by Rev. J. C. Bowman.
2. How the cause of education may be best promoted, by Prof. J. H. Apple.
3. The reason why education and religion should always go hand in hand, by Rev. J. S. Kieffer.

These addresses limited to twenty minutes each.

Friday Evening.—Sunday-school Anniversary. Liturgical services by Revs. L. Robb and J. G. Noss. 1. Sunday-school missions, by Rev. R. W. Miller. 2. Relation of the Sunday-school to the Church, accidental or organic, by Rev. R. L. Gerhart. 3. Importance of a larger attendance on the Sunday-school, by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

Each speaker limited to twenty minutes.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Liturgical Services by Revs. J. M. Runkle, H. Ditzler and T. J. Barkley. Sermon by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

Saturday Evening.—Liturgical Services by Revs. C. S. Slagle and S. E. Stofflet. Home and Foreign Missionary Meeting. 1. Home Missionary Work, by Rev. T. J. Barkley. 2. Foreign Work, by Revs. S. N. Callender and J. W. Santee. 3. Home Work, by Rev. C. Clever.

Sunday Forenoon.—Holy Communion. Liturgical Services by Revs. J. S. Kieffer, J. A. Hoffheins, J. G. Noss and J. W. Santee. Address by Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school addresses by Revs. L. E. Coblentz, W. I. Stewart and P. C. Prugh.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. F. Moyer.

GRACE REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Miller.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school services. Addresses by Revs. L. Robb and S. C. Stover.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

HFIDELBERG REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Communion Services. Sermon by Rev. I. M. Beaver assisted by Rev. D. G. Hetrick.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Miller.

ZION'S REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. J. Hassler.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Prugh.

Paradise and Dallastown.—Sermon by Rev. S. M. Roeder.

Conadochly.—Sermon by Rev. T. N. Reber.

OTHER CHURCHES.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church.—Rev. E. R. Eschbach in the morning, and Rev. G. B. Resser in the evening.

Christ's Lutheran Church.—Rev. C. Clever in the morning, and Rev. N. H. Skyles in the evening.

Zion's Lutheran Church.—Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier in the morning, and Rev. L. Robb in the evening.

East York Lutheran Church.—Rev. M. M. Noacher in the morning, and Rev. J. W. Bell in the evening.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church.—Rev. J. F. Mackley in the morning, and Rev. J. W. Pontius in the evening.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.—Rev. G. W. Snyder in the morning, and Rev. J. G. Noss in the evening.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church.—Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Sunday evening.

Union Lutheran Church.—Rev. D. G. Hetrick, Saturday evening.

First Presbyterian Church.—Rev. R. L. Gerhart, Sunday evening.

Westminster Presbyterian Church.—Rev. C. S. Slagle, Sunday morning, and Rev. H. Ditzler, Sunday evening.

Calvary Presbyterian Church.—Rev. S. E. Stofflet, Sunday morning, and Rev. J. M. Runkle, Sunday evening.

First Methodist Church.—Rev. G. B. Russell.

Ridge Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. S. C. Stover, Sunday morning, and Rev. S. S. Miller, Sunday evening.

West Street Methodist Church.—Rev. G. P. Stem, Sunday morning, and Rev. E. W. Stonebraker, Sunday evening.

Moravian Church.—Rev. L. E. Coblenz, Sunday morning, and Rev. P. Barringer, Sunday evening.

Church of God.—Rev. H. F. Dittmar, Sunday morning.

Evangelical Association Church.—Rev. W. Goodrich, Sunday evening.

Union Chapel.—Rev. S. C. Stover, Sunday evening.

Allison Memorial United Brethren Church.—Rev. P. Barringer, Sunday morning, and Rev. T. K. Cromer, Sunday evening.

Reformed Church at Red Lion.—Rev. J. M. L. Lysterly, Sunday morning and evening.

Respectfully submitted,
J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

Minutes of Synod.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of busi-

ness as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee, to whom the Printed Minutes were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming in our judgment, the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely :

Item 1, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, to report at the present meeting, of which Rev. A. F. Dreisbach is chairman.

Item 2, page 6. A Standing Committee on Invested Funds is appointed, whose duty it is to report at this meeting, of which Rev. W. E. Krebs is chairman.

Item 3, page 6. A Standing Committee on Auditing Endowment is appointed, to report at the present meeting of Synod, of which Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 4, page 31. Rev. J. L. Murphy is appointed the agent to carry forward the work of securing the twenty-five thousand dollar fund to support a theological professor in connection with Catawba College, N. C.

Item 5, page 31. The officers of Synod are instructed to furnish Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, the professor elect, with a formal call to the Theological Professorship in Catawba College, to which he was chosen, with further instructions in case of his acceptance of said call.

Item 6, page 32. The committee appointed to provide financial means for Mercersburg College, for endowment, for payment of debt, and for making repairs, is continued.

Item 7, page 32. It is necessary for the Synod to elect a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., in place of the one whose term of service will expire in the near future.

Item 8, page 32. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect four members of the Board of Visitors, and six members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., and fix their terms of service, agreeably with the provisions of the amended charter of said institution.

Item 9, page 32. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education in place of those whose terms of service will terminate with the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 10, page 32. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose terms of office will expire during the present month.

Item 11, page 42. A special committee is appointed to assist in organizing the Synodical Missionary Society, as authorized by the Synod, of which Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 12, page 43. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the places of those whose terms of service are about expiring.

Item 13, page 45. It will be necessary to assess \$450, the second half of the sum assessed upon Synod by the General Synod, for its contingent expenses or fund.

Item 14, page 45. Apportionments are made upon the Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian Missions, Church Building, Beneficiary Education, and North Carolina Theological Professorship.

Item 15, page 45. Assessments are made upon the Classes for the Theological Seminary, Contingent Fund of General Synod, and Contingent Fund of the Synod.

Item 16, page 46. Various arrearages are enumerated for Contingent Fund of the Synod, Contingent Fund of the General Synod, Mercersburg College, Harbor Missions, Beneficiary Education, Church Extension in Baltimore, and Theological Seminary.

Item 17, page 47. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod in the place of Rev. J. T. Rossiter, whose term of service will terminate on the 1st of next January, agreeably to the charter.

Item 18, page 49. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board, to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 19, page 51. The Synod recommends to the Classes that an energetic effort be made in every pastoral charge to increase the circulation of the periodicals of our Church.

Item 20, page 51. The Stated Clerk is directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 21, page 51. It is the duty of the Synod to fill by election the place in the Board of Publication of the member whose term of office is about to expire.

Item 22, page 54. The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each congregation, on some Sunday before October:

Item 23, page 56. The several Classes are requested to appoint one or more persons a standing committee, whose duty it shall be to secure funds, bequests and legacies for beneficiary education and other benevolent interests of our Church.

Respectfully submitted;

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; the committee under item 2 failed to report; on items 3, 4, 5, and 6, see Article XIII., Education; items 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 17, 1*, and 21 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the required nominations; on item 11, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 13, 14, 15, and 16, see Article XV., Finance; on items 19 and 20, see Article XX., Publication; on item 22, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on item 23, see Article X., Minutes of Classes.

ARTICLE IX.

Overtures.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, amended, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid, Stated Clerk of the Portland-Oregon Classis, giving reasons for the non-attendance of the delegates of said Classis upon the sessions of Synod.

Item 2. A communication from Rev. Dr. H. J. Ruetsnik in regard to Calvin College.

- Item 3.* An overture from the Erie Classis in relation to Calvin College.
- Item 4.* The annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.
- Item 5.* A report from Rev. Dr. J. S. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College, setting forth the condition and prospects of said institution.
- Item 6.* A report of Rev. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, giving the condition and wants thereof.
- Item 7.* A report from Rev. Dr. C. R. Dieffenbacher, President of the Board of Directors of the same institution, bearing on the same subject.
- Item 8.* A communication from Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, in regard to the Theological Professorship in Catawba College, to which he was elected by the Synod a year ago, declining the same.
- Item 9.* A report from Rev. J. L. Murphy, the agent appointed to secure the endowment of the Theological Professorship in Catawba College, denoting failure in securing funds.
- Item 10.* A telegram from the Eastern Synod, giving the place and time of its next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
C. S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

The action of Synod on the report is as follows: Item 1, the delegates were, on motion, excused for their non-attendance; on items 2, 3, 5, 8, and 9, see Article XIII., Education; on items 4, 6, and 7, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; item 10 was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

Minutes of Classes.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended, and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. The Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis failed to record in the minutes of a special meeting the call for the meeting, and the names of members in attendance.
2. The Stated Clerk of Virginia Classis failed to employ marginal notes as required by the rule of Synod adopted in 1889, at Carlisle, Pa.
3. The Stated Clerk of the same Classis also failed to note in the minutes of a special meeting, the call for the meeting and the names of the members present.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. The Virginia Classis renews its request to be relieved of one-half of the amount apportioned upon it for Home Missions.
5. North Carolina Classis requests the appointment by the Synod of Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp as professor of the theological department in Catawba College.
6. The same Classis also requests to be exonerated from the apportionment of \$33.00 for Mercersburg College, made in 1891, and since carried forward from year to year as an arrearage in the Minutes of Synod.

7. The Portland-Oregon Classis deplores the neglect of its Stated Clerk to furnish to the Synod a copy of its minutes of last year.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

8. Zion's Classis took favorable action on all matters referred to it by the Synod.

9. Maryland Classis acted favorably on all matters referred to it.

10. Mercersburg Classis took favorable action on all the recommendations of the Synod, except it failed to apportion the amount for Church Building.

11. Virginia Classis acted favorably upon all references, except apportioning only \$300 of \$604 apportioned upon it for Home Missions by the Synod.

12. This Classis also declines to appoint a standing committee to secure funds, bequests, legacies, etc., and instead requires its pastors to do this work in a quiet way.

13. North Carolina Classis declined to apportion the amounts referred to it by the Synod for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Building and Beneficiary Education.

14. Gettysburg Classis acted favorably upon all the recommendations of the Synod, except it did not deem it expedient to appoint a standing committee to secure funds, bequests, legacies, etc.

15. Carlisle Classis took favorable action on all items referred to it.

16. Juniata Classis acted favorably on all the recommendations of Synod.

17. Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata Classes severally approved of the new Constitution transmitted to the Classes for approval or rejection. The Portland-Oregon Classis rejected it.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

18. Zion's Classis received Rev. Morgan A. Peters from the East Pennsylvania Classis, and the licentiate William H. Loose from the Lebanon Classis and ordained him to the Gospel Ministry; and dismissed the licentiate Paul M. Spangler to the East Pennsylvania Classis, and the Rev. Henry A. Bomberger to the Philadelphia Classis.

19. Maryland Classis licensed K. Otis Spessard, D. Snyder Stephan, Christopher Noss and Joseph H. Apple, Jr., and ordained the first named to the work of the Christian Ministry; dismissed the Rev. Marion L. Firor to the West Susquehanna Classis, and the licentiate, D. Snyder Stephan, to the Westmoreland Classis; and erased the name of Rev. Frank Lambader from the roll of Classis.

20. Mercersburg Classis licensed Louis C. Summer and William M. Irvine, Ph.D.; received the Revs. Calvin U. Heilman and William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., from the Juniata Classis, the Rev. David P. Lefever from the North Carolina Classis, and the licentiate, George S. Gill, from the Virginia Classis, and ordained him to the work of the Holy Ministry; and dismissed the licentiate, Louis C. Summer, to the Iowa Classis.

21. Virginia Classis licensed George S. Gill and Jacob S. Garrison, and dismissed the former to the Mercersburg Classis.

22. North Carolina Classis licensed William H. McNairy and Harvey A. M. Holshouser and ordained them to the work of the Gospel Ministry; received the Rev. B. Frank Davis from the Miami Classis, and the Rev. Julius H. Shuford from the Virginia Classis; and dismissed the Rev. David P. Lefever to the Mercersburg Classis.

23. Gettysburg Classis dismissed the Rev. Oliver F. Schaeffer to the East Susquehanna Classis, and the Rev. Benjamin F. Bausman to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod.

24. Juniata Classis licensed Louis C. Harnish and ordained him to the work of the Holy Ministry; and dismissed the Revs. Calvin U. Heilman and William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., to the Mercersburg Classis, and the Rev. Francis M. Line to the St. Paul's Classis.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

25. Zion's Classis will meet in the Barrens or Salem Church of the Dillsburg Charge, York County, Pa., May 14th, A. D., 1895, at 3 o'clock, P. M. Rev. A. F. Dreisbach, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

26. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Adamstown, Frederick County, Md., May 15th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

27. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of McConnellsburg, Fulton County, Pa., June 6th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. T. R. Dietz, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

28. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Edenburg, Shenandoah County, Va., June 5th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. C. B. Heller, *President*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

29. North Carolina Classis will meet in Calvary Reformed Church of Davidson County, N. C., May 1st, A. D., 1895, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Rev. P. M. Trexler, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

30. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Fairfield, Adams County, Pa., May 16th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. E. Krebs, *President*; and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

31. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Landisburg, Perry County, Pa., May 16th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. G. A. House, *President*; and Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

32. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa., May 30th, A. D., 1895, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. S. C. Stover, *President*; Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, Sr., *Treasurer*.

33. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Congregational Church of Washougal, Washington, June 6th, A. D., 1895, at 8 o'clock, P. M. Rev. G. Graedel, *President*; Rev. J. G. Schmid, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder F. Koellmeier, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. PONTIUS, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were severally adopted, and the attention of those Classes was called to their irregularities. The request contained in item 4 was refused. For the action of Synod on item 5, see Article XIII. Education. The request contained in item 6 was granted. The remaining items of the report were all severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The Committee on the State of Religion would respectfully present the following report:

The several classical reports on the state of religion and morals, placed in the hands of the Committee, are substantially of one spirit and to the same effect. One is impressed with the fact that they record nothing unusual or extraordinary. They speak of regularity; they produce the impression of continuity; they bear witness to growth, steady, even and unmarked by any departure from the ordinary course. It is reported that the Gospel has been regularly preached; that the sacraments have been regularly administered; that the Church's ancient custom of catechization has not been departed from; that the practice of pastoral visitation has been maintained as heretofore; that Sunday-school work has continued with increased interest and activity; that missionary societies and other organizations have done their appointed work; that the people have, for the most part, been diligent and faithful in the use of the usual means of grace; and that there is evidence, in consequence of the continued use of these appointed instrumentalities, of a sound and healthy condition of religion and morals within the bounds of the several Classes.

In seeking to form an estimate, upon the basis of these reports, of the state of religion within the bounds of the Synod, this absence of any unusual or striking features, this regularity, continuity, sameness, is probably to be regarded as a favorable, and not an unfavorable, sign. Let us be thankful for uninterrupted continuance, for the maintenance in their integrity of the ordinary means and methods of developing religious life and advancing the cause of our Redeemer's Kingdom. It is upon the usual and ordinary, far more than upon the unusual and extraordinary, that spiritual life and growth depend. Let us be content with and thankful for the results, in no way uncommon, of the diligent and faithful labors, during the past year, of the pastors and consistories of our congregations. If there has been no splendid achievement, no amazing degree of prosperity, there has at least been steady growth and progress. There is a Spanish proverb which rebukes the man who asks for something better than bread. We have had bread as the fruit of our toil; let us accept it, with thanks to Almighty God, nor complain that it is not something different from and better than bread.

The reports bear witness to the faithful labors of our pastors. They have been abundant in labors; constantly at their places in the Lord's vineyard, bearing the burden and heat of the day; in many cases, not without special privation and self-denial for the Master's sake. They bear witness also, to the good disposition of our people; their kindly relation to their pastors; their readiness to submit to those in authority over them; their attachment and loyalty to their Church; their willingness to engage in whatever Christian work they may find themselves duly and properly called to take part in. The type of piety prevailing among our people is somewhat slow and undemonstrative; but it is solid and strong, genuine and trustworthy; it has "the root of the matter" in it; it is capable of indefinite development and improvement; it may justly be regarded as furnishing the strong foundation upon which much that is excellent and beautiful in the way of Christian character

may be built. It is not without its defects and dangers, against which we need to be on our guard. It has the defects of its qualities, excellent and meritorious as these qualities are.

Perhaps one of its dangers may grow out of the very evenness and sameness of which we have spoken as something worthy of being praised and of being thankful for. We may be in danger of forgetting that, while the religious life depends chiefly upon the usual and ordinary, there is room also, in every process of development for the unusual and the extraordinary. Out of the usual grows the unusual, being, not alien to it, but the natural and legitimate product of it. Out of the plain springs the mountain, being substantially and fundamentally one with it, yet an elevation of it and a departure from the level of it. It was "after six days" of ordinary discipleship and common work and service, that our Saviour took his three disciples with Him up into the mountain, there to behold the glory of the Lord. Perhaps one of the best signs of a healthy condition of religion, is the occasional appearance of special and unusual manifestations or expressions of the religious life. Possibly one of the best things that could befall us, in present circumstances, would be, some salutary breaking of the level, some wholesome departure from the even tenor of our religious life; some unusual warmth of devotion; some special kindling of the fire of love; some more than ordinary outburst of the spirit of sacrifice and service. It belongs to the idea of piety and devotion that there lies in these always, whether latent or expressed, warmth of feeling, and the possibility of access, of enlargement, of extraordinary as well as ordinary manipulations of affectionate attachment to Jesus Christ. It is well that the religious life should come forward in regular and even course; it is well also that there should at times be stirrings of its current. It is perhaps not best that we should go so steadily on our course, as never to be lifted up, never to see the burning bush, or to behold the heavenly vision, or be transported to the mountain top. A little enthusiasm would not hurt us. There is an enthusiasm which is empty, and false and injurious, because it is artificial and unreal, because it stands by itself and is sought for its own sake. But there is an enthusiasm which is natural, real and genuine, which is noble and beneficent, because it is the natural and legitimate offspring and accompaniment of the common, usual, faithful following and serving of Christ. Fanaticism is a thing to be avoided and abhorred. But the genuine expression of genuine feeling is wholesome. We do not consider that we are at present in any serious danger of fanaticism. But we believe that, out of the solid and substantial religious life of our people, there might well grow a sound, beautiful and beneficent enthusiasm that would enrich, instead of impoverishing, the life that gave it birth. We need it for spiritual uplift and inspiration; for the quickening, comforting and encouraging of our hearts; for making our church work less of a drudgery and more of a delight; for increase of conquering power against the adverse forces with which we have to contend.

It is much to be thankful for that peace prevails within our borders. There is no strife among us; God has granted us the blessing of peace; profound tranquillity reigns throughout this, as throughout the other portions of our beloved Church. All the conditions seem to be favorable to true growth in grace among our people, and for improvement and advancement in all things pertaining to the Christian life.

As compared with the preceding year, the last year has been one of unusual mortality among the ministers of the Synod. No less than eight ministers of our number have within the past year been called away from their earthly labors. The following are those of our brethren who have entered into the heavenly rest: Revs. Julius Lange, Dr. I. S. Weisz, J. C. Hensell, J. S. Loose, Dr. A. H. Kremer, Dr. A. Wanner, A. R. Thompson, Dr. G. W. Welker. Nearly all these ministers were distinguished by many years of

faithful service; all of them were earnest and self-denying laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. This Synod has done honor elsewhere to their memory; but we desire to record their names here also, in order to express our grateful appreciation of their labors and services, and our sense of the loss we have sustained through the death of these, our fellow-laborers. Their departure reminds us solemnly of the rapidity with which our life is passing away, and of the necessity of our doing promptly and with all our might the thing which the Lord has appointed for us to do.

Twenty-eight years ago, not long before the Synod of the Potomac was formed out of that body, the Synod of the United States met in the church in which this Synod is now assembled. It is evidence of the solidity and continuity of the pastoral relationship in many of our churches, that the pastor of the congregation at that time, and by whom it had been served for a considerable number of years before, the Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, is the pastor of it still, with undiminished strength and unabated activity and zeal. There was much earnest agitation and controversy in that Synod. These, too, have their place in the history and development of the Church; and the peace and prosperity which we have for so many years enjoyed are probably in large measure the proper fruit of the deeply earnest controversies of that day. We cannot be unmoved by the fact that, of the members of that Synod, more than half have passed away from earth. Drs. Nevin, Schaff, Wolf, Harbaugh, Bomberger, Zacharias, who were active in that Synod, together with many others whose names are reverently and affectionately remembered, are with us no more. They have gone to join a more august and venerable Synod; they have gone to the general assembly and church of the first-born, whose names are written in heaven. The remembrance of them, in this place, imparts a special solemnity to this closing hour. May God keep us all in everlasting union and fellowship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, and with all those who have gone before us to the reward of their labors; and, with them, may He cause us also, when our labors here on earth are ended, to be numbered with His saints in glory everlasting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SPANGLER KIEFFER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIII.

Education.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave to submit the following annual report for the Synodic year just ended.

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report to the Synod, namely, Rev. William C. Cremer, *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*; and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Treasurer*.

The work of the Board has gone forward, during the year, with a reasonable degree of success, notwithstanding the financial distress that has prevailed throughout the land, and your Board is happy in being able to report the past year as a prosperous one, under the favor and blessing of our kind Heavenly Father. The amount of funds contributed for beneficiary education by the several Classes, during our past fiscal year, has been somewhat less than the previous year, as will be seen by reference to the Treasurer's Report.

Six of our beneficiaries, namely, Jacob S. Garrison, George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spessard and Louis C. Summer, completed their theological course of training for the Holy Ministry, graduating from the Seminary at Lancaster, last May. They were duly licensed to preach the Gospel soon afterwards, and are now actively at work in the ministry serving the Lord, Messrs. Garrison, Gill, Harnish, and Spessard filling pastorates in the bounds of our own Synod, Mr. Kerr in the Eastern Synod, and Mr. Summer in the Synod of the Interior.

Two young men under the care of the Board as beneficiaries, at the request of the Classes to which they belong, were granted permission to intermit their studies for a year or two, in order to earn funds to liquidate debts owing by them. Two were dropped from our roll for reasons not necessary to mention in this connection. Eight young men have been enrolled as beneficiaries under our care, namely: Joseph E. Guy and John H. Smith, at the request of the Maryland Classis; Theodore C. Hesson and William A. Kepner, at that of the Gettysburg Classis; John S. Heffner, at that of the Juniata Classis; James M. Mullan, at that of the Mercersburg Classis; John K. McKee, at that of the Carlisle Classis; and Ernest E. Weaver, at that of the Virginia Classis, the last named to receive only one-third of the full appropriation granted to most of our beneficiaries. Thirty young men have been aided, during the year, with funds from the Treasury of the Board, supplied by the Maryland, Juniata, Gettysburg, Mercersburg, Carlisle, and Virginia Classes, as the Treasurer's Report will demonstrate. The beneficiaries at present enrolled hold their Classical connection as follows: Maryland Classis, six; Juniata Classis, five; Carlisle Classis, five; Gettysburg Classis, four; Mercersburg Classis, three; and Virginia Classis, two. They are Louis P. Krome, *Seminary Senior*; William E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner, Ernest E. Weaver, Roes F. Wicks, and David J. Wolf, *Seminary Middlers*; Charles A. Bushong, Frederick Cromer, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Theodore C. Hesson, James M. Mullan, Ezra D. Lantz and Carl W. Plank, *Seminary Juniors*; Moses A. Kieffer and Nevin L. Weidner, *College Juniors*; John W. Gilds and Scott R. Wagner, *College Sophomores*; and Joseph E. Guy, John S. Heffner, Wm. A. Kepner, John K. McKee, George W. Potter, and John H. Smith, less far advanced in their studies. It will be noticed that more than one-half of the number are Seminarians.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following sums for beneficiary education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where such have been given, so as to give the sum total contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Virginia and Gettysburg Classes, where the sources of receipts were not specified.

June 21st, 1894, the Treasurer received a legacy of \$195.00, the bequest of Miss Mary Metzger, a member of the First or Zion Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md., after deducting the collateral inheritance tax of the State of Maryland; the bequest was \$200.00 including said tax. Deducting this legacy, together with the interest from the Gruber and Stoudenour legacies, the sums refunded by former beneficiaries, and the balance in the treasury at the last report of the Board, amounting in the aggregate to \$1207.86, we have \$2791.73 as the actual contributions from the churches and Sunday-schools for the cause, during the last fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer of the Board of Education, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.*

Receipts.

Maryland Classis.—Frederick Church, \$92.00; First Church of Hagerstown, \$76.00; Middletown Church, \$65.08; Utica Charge, \$60.00; St. Paul's Church of Baltimore, \$56.00; Thurmont (Mechanicstown) Charge, \$50.00; Cavetown Charge, \$50.00; Second Church of Hagerstown, \$50.00; Jefferson Charge, \$36.00; Manor Charge, \$33.00; Manchester Charge, \$31.00; Clear Spring Charge, \$25.00; Glade Charge, \$22.00; Mount Pleasant Charge, \$20.00; Union Bridge Charge, \$15.50; Grace Church of Washington, D. C., \$15.00; Boonsboro Charge, \$13.63; Christ's Church of Baltimore, \$13.00; Emmitsburg Church, \$10.00; Burkittsville Charge, \$10.00; Fairview Church, \$6.12; Mount Moriah Charge, \$5.30; Sabillasville Charge, \$5.00; Rev. E. R. Deatruck, refunded, \$25.00; and legacy of Miss Mary Metzger of Hagerstown, \$195.00. Making \$979.63.

Juniata Classis.—First Church of Altoona, \$85.00; Martinsburg Charge, \$70.00; St. Clairsville Charge, \$65.00; Greenfield Charge, \$60.49; Huntingdon Church, \$52.00; Dunning's Creek Charge, \$40.00; Second Church of Altoona, \$35.00; Friend's Cove Charge, \$32.89; Schellsburg Charge, \$30.00; McConnellstown Charge, \$27.00; Sulphur Spring Charge, \$25.00; Everett Charge, \$18.00; Yellow Creek Charge, \$15.00; Water Street Charge, \$7.06; Bedford Church, \$6.19; Orbisonia Charge, \$4.00; Clear Ridge Charge, \$2.00; David M. Wolfe, refunded, \$158.74; Raymond A. Plank, refunded, \$9.60; and interest on Nicholas Gruber legacy, \$112.74. Making \$855.71.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg, \$110.00; Waynesboro Charge, \$95.00; Mercersburg Charge, \$58.85; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, \$41.00; Shippensburg Church, \$30.00; Grindstonehill Charge, \$30.00; Second Church of Chambersburg, \$30.00; Greencastle Charge, \$29.96; St. Thomas Charge, \$15.00; Mont Alto Church, \$12.00; McConnellsburg Charge, \$10.00; Loudon Charge, \$2.66; Rev. H. S. Garner refunded, \$25.00; and interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy, \$12.00. Making \$501.47.

Carlisle Classis.—Zion's Charge, \$78.00; Landisburg Charge, \$64.00; Carlisle Church, \$54.00; Mechanicsburg Church, \$37.00; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$35.00; Newburg Church, \$20.00; Duncannon Charge, \$20.00; and Ira L. Bryner refunded, \$97.28. Making \$405.28.

Gettysburg Classis.—Per treasurer of Classis, \$370.00.

Virginia Classis.—Per treasurer of Classis, \$315.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, at last report, October 6th, 1893	\$ 572.50
Received from Maryland Classis	979.63
“ “ Juniata Classis	855.71
“ “ Mercersburg Classis	501.47
“ “ Carlisle Classis	405.28
“ “ Gettysburg Classis	370.00
“ “ Virginia Classis	315.00
Total receipts	\$3,999.59

Summary of Payments.

Paid to beneficiary students of Juniata Classis	\$ 860.00
" " " Maryland Classis	540.00
" " " Carlisle Classis	475.00
" " " Gettysburg Classis	420.00
" " " Mercersburg Classis	381.25
" " " Virginia Classis	350.00
Expressage on seal of the Board	35
Notary Public's charge in bequest of Mary Metzger	50
Postage and stationery	3.09
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1894	969.40
Making	\$3,999.59

We do hereby certify, that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and disbursements, is a faithful statement of the same.

We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be \$969.40 on the 1st instant.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 1st, 1894.

Z. A. YEARICK,
A. R. SCHNEBLY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:—

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report:

At our annual meeting at Mercersburg, held June 5th and 6th, the Board organized for the year by the re-election of the old officers, namely: the undersigned as *President*; Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, as *Secretary*; and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer*.

In accordance with the authority of the Synod, granted at the last annual meeting, the Board had the Charter of the College so amended by the Court of Franklin County, Pa., last May, as to increase the number of Regents from nine to fifteen. The changed charter makes the six additional regents or members of the Board elective by the Board itself, instead of by the Synod, which, of course, contravenes the action taken by the Synod at Frederick, Md., in 1879, requesting the Board of Regents "to secure such change in the Charter of the College as shall put the election of members of the Board necessarily in the hands of the Synod." Agreeably to the amended charter the Board has elected the six new additional members as follows: George A. Wood and George O. Albright, for three years; W. Rush Gillan and John H. Shook, for two years; H. Wirt Shriver and Seth Dickey for one year.

The educational work of the college has been carried forward, during the past year, under the management of President Irvine, and those associated with him in the Faculty of the College. The catalogue of the college, published last June, shows the aggregate attendance of students, during the scholastic year, to have been seventy-eight, nearly sixty of them being boarders, and about twenty non-boarders or day scholars. Of course they were not all connected with the institution during the entire year, nor at one and the same

time, quite a number matriculating after the college had opened, and a few dropping out before the end of the year.

The present college year opened up very auspiciously, with an increased number of students in attendance and an enlarged teaching force. The number of students enrolled is sixty-eight boarders, and thirty non-boarders, or day students, from the town and vicinity. The college has now five regular professors including the president, and three tutors or assistant teachers, who are at the same time students. So far as regards the number of students and teaching force, the college certainly is in a flourishing condition. We wish, as a Board, that we could report the same of its financial status. Nothing has been paid on the mortgage and judgment debt of the college since our last annual report, excepting the interest for the year, so that this indebtedness remains the same as it then was, namely, \$3,445.00. The annual interest, however, has been reduced from six to five per cent. voluntarily by the holders of said claims. The Board, moreover, greatly regrets to have to report a large deficit in the current expenses of the college during the year, owing to making repairs, improvements, and especially the remodelling of the professor's house occupied by the president, building a new stable for his use etc. At a meeting of the Board, held August 30th, after a careful investigation and examination of the finances, it was learned that this deficit amounted to about forty-five hundred dollars.

A suitable fire-escape was attached to the Seminary or College Building within the present month. The Board felt compelled to provide this means of safety in case of fire, or render themselves liable to criminal prosecution according to the laws of Pennsylvania.

The Seminary or College Building ought, and must, by all means have a new roof in the near future. The original shingle-roof, now on the building has done good and faithful service for a period of fifty-eight years, and needs to be replaced by a new roof. It has been repaired and patched for a number of years, and is now in such condition that this can no longer be done successfully, so as to properly preserve the structure.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Regents,

WM. M. DETRICK, *President.*

Mercersburg, Pa., October 13th, 1894.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF
FREDERICK, MD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., would report that the Board is organized with Rev. E. R. Eachbach, D. D., as President, Rev. C. S. Slagle, Secretary, and Prof. Joseph H. Apple, Treasurer and Financial Agent.

Since our last report we have met in the President's office in the College Building as follows: January 2, 1894; March 26, 1894; June 13, 1894; and September 5, 1894, for the transaction of business. The trust committed to us has received our careful and thoughtful attention, and everything has been done in accordance with our best judgment.

Our report last year was made soon after the College had been auspiciously organized. We have now the record of a year's work behind us, and herewith submit copies of the last catalogue for detailed information.

We have an able and efficient Faculty, the members of which were selected with special reference to their individual qualifications for the work of the departments assigned them. Because of this, the College was enabled to take and maintain a high rank in all its departments from the beginning. No effort has been spared on the part of your Board or the Faculty of the

College to realize the high ideal that inspired the heart and mind of each one of us.

The property we have leased has exceptionally large rooms, broad halls, high ceilings, excellent furnishing and equipment within, and graded lawns, flower beds and play grounds without.

The Literary work of the College is divided into three departments; the Primary, the Preparatory, and the Collegiate Department. The course of study offered aims at a liberal culture. Thoroughness in everything attempted, on the part of the student, is insisted upon.

Provision is made for systematic exercise in the Physical Culture Class, by recreation on the lawns and by brisk walks through the city and into the country.

The spiritual welfare of the students is carefully considered, and the influences by which they are surrounded are positively Christian. The general atmosphere is stimulating and elevating.

The Musical Department is under the direction of teachers of ability, skill and experience, and has been exceptionally flourishing.

The Art Department is in the charge of a talented Artist, who is also an experienced teacher, and has made her department a success.

The Government of the College is that of kindness, of confidence, of appeal to the higher sentiments of the student, and these have thus far met all the requirements of discipline.

It is proper to emphasize the fact, that we are not in competition with schools organized on the basis of making all the money possible out of them. We are not burdened with a troublesome debt for which a surplus revenue must be provided, nor do we propose to accumulate a fund out of our current expenses for those who shall come after us. We do not bid for students on account of our age, or assumptive statements, but on the character and merit of the work we are doing.

We aim to furnish the most that is possible for our patrons, at the lowest cost to them, after providing for a strong and efficient Faculty, and the maintenance of every department pertaining to the College in first-class condition. We have challenged the Church on this basis, and she is entrusting to us her daughters.

By reference to the catalogue, it will be seen that the entire enrollment last year was 112 students, 37 of whom were boarders and the rest were day students in some one or more departments.

The Treasurer's report, which was audited by the Board September 5th, 1894, was found to be correct and sustained by proper vouchers, and shows an income from all sources of \$9426.56 and an expenditure of \$9024.

Notwithstanding the financial depression of the times our collections were fully made. This statement will indicate better than words the character of our constituency.

The rent of \$1000 for the past year has been paid. We have invested in pianos, table-linen, table-cutlery, etc., that will not need to be replaced for years, and belongs to us, \$518.20.

The work of last year closed satisfactorily, June 13, 1894. As no Senior Class had been organized, there were no graduates.

During the summer vacation six additional new rooms were fitted up and furnished. A steam-heating plant was introduced into every part of the College buildings, that were not already provided with a hot-water heating plant, and other needful improvements and changes were made. These improvements have increased the capacity and convenience of the buildings, and added greatly to their internal appearance.

President Apple spent the greater part of his summer vacation in canvassing for the College, chiefly in the Potomac and Pittsburg Synods, and reports that

the College has made a place for itself in the hearts and affections of its patrons. This statement is verified by the fact that with very few exceptions the students of the last year have returned for this year's course.

The Board here puts on record its appreciation of the services of President Jos. H. Apple, to whose scholarly ability, good judgment and untiring energy very much of the success of the College is due.

College work was resumed for the second year September 4th, 1894, under flattering auspices.

One full Teacher, that of Physics, Chemistry and Biology, and three assistant Teachers have been added to the Faculty.

The course of study has been raised and extended. Classes in each year's work are now fully organized. The enrollment of students to date is 120. Of this number 38 are full boarders, 5 are five-day boarders, and 77 are day scholars in one or more departments.

The present Senior Class is composed of 13 members, who look forward to graduation at the end of this year.

We have the voluntary testimony of competent witnesses, residents of Frederick, other than members of the Reformed Church, who say that the first year of the Woman's College has achieved a more decided success than the Frederick Female Seminary had done at any time in its history of fifty years.

It is no small matter to have won the confidence of the community, which is afforded full opportunity to see and know what is being done. It is of value to have retained the hearty good will of the alumnae of the former institution, who now co-operate with us in extending our work.

The wisdom of and necessity for this College to us as a Church is apparent from the fact, that out of forty-three boarders all but four come from Reformed families.

Not only our *right* to exist, but the *necessity* for our existence is hereby established. We may expect to receive a fair share of the patronage of our Church. We are, therefore, also entitled to a fair share of her generosity. Our daughters, no less than our sons, have claims on our benevolence. With the College Presidency endowed, an enlarged Faculty, a fuller equipment and a modern library, more and better work could be obtained. We owe this to the daughters of the Reformed Church. By increasing the culture and intelligence of the future mothers of the Church, we are increasing the mightiest and most sacred power for good possible to us. Its far-reaching effects will bring large returns of blessing and abundantly repay all money the Church can be induced to invest.

If this be true, and who will say that it is not, then ought we not seriously to consider this whole subject, and in our plans for church extension, provide for the enlargement and greater efficiency of this College, which is so peculiarly the institution of the Church?

The term of service of Gen. John E. Roller, as a member of this Board, will expire with December 31st, 1894. His successor ought to be chosen at this session of Synod. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President*.

October 16th, 1894.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren:—The Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1893-94 is hereby respectfully presented to your honorable body by the Secretary.

At the opening of the Seminary Year, in September, 1893, the following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class*, nineteen in number:

Joseph [P. Bachman, Benoni Bates, William H. Brong, John W. Buck, William E. Bushong, Moses N. George, Frederick C. Hullhurst, Edward O. Keen, Harry M. Klein, Edward H. Laubach, D. Elmer Master, Frank H. Moyer, Jacob G. Rupp, Charles D. Schaffer, Adam P. Stover, Jacob N. Wagenhurst, Ernest E. Weaver, David J. Wolf and Charles E. Wagner. Of this number thirteen are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College; one of Calvin College; one of Pennsylvania College; one of Lafayette; one an ordained minister of the Church of God, and two with less complete preparation.

The *Middle Class* consisted of eighteen students of the Junior Class of the preceding year, with the addition of Henry M. Rauck, dismissed from Union Seminary, N. Y., nineteen in all.

The *Senior Class*, twenty-four in number, having completed the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were honorably dismissed at the close of the year, and were awarded the usual *Testimonial*, to that effect, at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last. Their names are as follows: Charles F. Althouse, Harry N. Bassler, James Riley Bergey, D. Franklin Boomershine, Charles W. Brugh, George S. Butz, J. Silor Garrison, George Samuel Gill, Louis P. Goerrig, Louis C. Harnish, Ellis S. Hay, Anselm V. Hiester, John D. Hunsicker, George Kinzo Kaneko, Frank L. Kerr, Thomas H. Leinbach, Edwin D. Meixell, Christopher Noss, John W. Reinecke, Charles M. Smith, Kenney Otis Spessard, D. Snider Stephan, Louis C. Summer and J. Grant Walter.

The industry and Christian conduct of the students, and their examination, written and oral, with a few exceptions, were satisfactory; as heretofore they were active in Sunday-school and missionary work in the City of Lancaster; and the Faculty, their instructors, have endeavored to discharge their duties according to the best of their abilities.

At the request of the Committee on the New Building, and of the Building Committee, Professor Bowman was relieved by the Faculty of the greater part of his duties in the Seminary during the year, in order that he might devote his time to soliciting funds, so that the new Seminary Building might be completed at an early day, and be consecrated with the least amount of indebtedness resting on it. In this good work he was eminently successful, and he deserves the thanks of the Church for his energetic and untiring labors. Professor Thomas G. Apple filled his place in the Seminary, and taught all the classes in Exegesis as far as time would permit.

The new building was consecrated at the Anniversary of the Seminary in May last, and reflects credit on the Church for the generosity and liberality of its members, of which it is a monumental evidence.

The Rev. William Rupp, D.D., was installed as Professor of Practical Theology by the Synod of Pittsburg, in October, 1893, and entered upon his duties in the Seminary after the Christmas recess. It is a matter of sincere gratitude to God that our Theological School has now five professors in its service. Dr. Rupp has already proved himself to be a valuable accession to the Faculty. We are happy here in being able to announce that the Seniors of '94 have agreed to endow an Alcove in the Library of the Seminary, to be known as the "Class of '94 Alcove." The interest of \$1,000 or more is to be devoted to the purchase of books, bearing on the "Origin, History and Genius of the Reformed Church." As the Library is sadly defective in the theological literature of the present day, we think that this example is highly worthy of commanding imitation.

In reference to a petition of the students praying that the Seminary should confer the degree of B. D. on all who may have pursued the prescribed course in the Seminary, the Board decided that the Faculty should formulate a post-

graduate course of two or three years' study, in residence or at their homes, which should entitle all those who diligently pursue it to the degree of *Bachelor of Divinity*, on condition that each applicant at the completion of such course of study shall prepare a *Thesis* on some theological topic, to be examined and approved by the Faculty. This course having been adopted, application in each case shall be made by this Board to the College Board to confer the degree. The adoption of this plan, it is believed, will exert a happy effect upon those who have passed through the Seminary course of study. We have just learned that a number of old students have expressed their intention to pursue the course as soon as it is prescribed.

The instruction in Elocution has been satisfactory, and the Board again recommends that the present arrangement be continued for another year. In that event the Synod of the Potomac is asked to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary the sum of \$75.00, the same as last year, as its part, to meet the necessary expenses.

As a Board we have endeavored to discharge our duties in supervising the internal affairs of our venerable School of the Prophets, and it is now once more our privilege to report that the blessing of God has rested upon it, from the beginning to the present time, for which we are called upon to give thanks to God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, ever bearing in mind that all our blessings and mercies come down to us through Christ, our Lord and our God, who is the Head of His Church, which is His Body.

During the last year, one of our number, the Rev. Dr. Amos H. Kremer, passed away from earth to his reward in the skies. He became connected with our Board as far back as the year 1843, and from 1871 to 1894 he was its honored President, a position which he always filled in a highly acceptable manner. He was deeply interested in the prosperity of the Seminary during his long ministry, and the presence of this venerable father in Israel was a constant source of inspiration and encouragement to his younger brethren. He rests in peace. His death was announced at the opening of the last annual meeting of the Board at Lancaster, and the Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, of York, was appointed to fill his place as President.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., October 16, 1894.

THEODORE APPEL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Dear Brethren:—Enclosed find synopsis of the Annual Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board of Trustees held two meetings. The first meeting was held May 10th, 1894, in the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pa.

The following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess; Treasurer, John B. Roth.

The second meeting was held in the same place October 4th, 1894.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Miss Mary Forney of Hanover, Pa., containing a check of one thousand dollars for the endowment of an alcove in the Library Building, the interest to be expended for the purchase of books for the department of Archaeology.

The Board accepted the generous gift, and directed the letter and the reply to the same to be entered on the minutes.

The Board is greatly gratified in being permitted to report to the Synod that a new interest has been awakened in the Library of the Seminary through the

erection of the Library building and that two alcoves have been endowed during the first year—one on Reformed Church History by the Class of 1894, and another on Archaeology by Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, Pa., to the memory of her father, Jacob Forney.

As the endowment of the Library is one of the greatest needs of the Seminary, we commend the example of Miss Forney and the class of 1894, with the hope that in the course of after years all the alcoves may be similarly provided for.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary the following action was taken by the Board of Trustees:

While the Board of Trustees join with the many friends of the Seminary in congratulating the Church upon the completion of the new Seminary Buildings, they find themselves confronted with a financial problem which demands *immediate attention on the part of the three Synods.*

The new buildings and the various improvements and enlarged equipment have created new and increased financial wants which cannot be provided for out of the present endowment fund. To provide the necessary fuel and light, and the salaries of the janitor and librarian, there will be required an additional annual expenditure of not less than one thousand dollars, and to meet the unusual demands of the present year twelve hundred dollars should be raised.

As the Riegel Fund of fifteen thousand dollars which was contributed for the meeting of current expenses will not mature till 1898, your Trustees submit the following recommendations for the consideration of the three Synods, viz:

1. In order to meet the current expenses of the Seminary the three Synods are requested to assume annually apportionments for an adequate amount until sufficient revenues be obtained from other sources, and your Board also respectfully suggests that the three Synods provide such an increase of the Endowment Fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising.

2. To meet the current expenses of the present year the Synods are requested to apportion twelve hundred dollars in the following ratio, viz.:

Eastern Synod	\$600.00
Pittsburgh Synod	200.00
Potomac Synod	400.00
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	\$1200.00

3. As these apportionments are not likely to be paid before the close of the present Seminary year, the Treasurer of the Seminary be authorized to effect the loan of all moneys that may be required during the interval.

Respectfully submitted,
 JER. S. HESS,
Hellertown, October 8th, 1894. Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.
 Report of JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Seminary Endowment Fund.

Dr.

1893.	For amount of principal of Fund as reported September 22, 1893 . . .	\$24,506 12
	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as one-third of the income from the Wilhelm Estate . .	143 08
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		\$24,651 20

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" Oct. 1.	By Sundry Subscriptions sent to Treasurer, without instructions, credited to Endowment Fund's account, but intended for Seminary Building Fund	232 61
1894, Oct. 4		<hr/>
		\$24,418 60

Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary to October 1, 1894.

Dr.		
94, Oct. 1.	For sundry incomes and interests received to date	\$5,746 38
Cr.		
1893, Sept. 22.	By balance due Treasurer, as per report	\$325 24
1894, Oct. 1.	Salary account and sundry bills paid	6,548 20
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	Amount Dr. down	\$6,873 44
		6,746 38
	Balance due treasury October 1, 1894	<hr/>
		\$1,127 06
	<i>Library Fund.</i> Principal	\$1,819 98
Dr.		
1893, Sept. 22.	For balance due Library	\$100 06
1894, Oct. 1.	For interest received to date	65 99
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		\$166 05
Cr.		
1894, Oct. 1.	By sundry bills paid to date	116 52
" Oct. 1.	Balance due Library	\$49 53
	<i>The William A. With Fund.</i>	
	Principal of Fund is	\$833 33
	Interest on same to Oct. 1, 1894, accounted for in Theological Seminary current expense account.	
	<i>Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.</i>	
	Account in hands of Treasurer of Theological Seminary. Principal .	\$4,223 19
Dr.		
	For interest on same to Oct. 1, 1894	\$211 16
Cr.		
1894, Apl. 14.	By interest, paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., to April 1, 1894	\$105 58
" Sept. 8.	" " " " Oct. 1, 1894	105 58
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		\$211 16
	<i>Prize Essay Fund in Church History.</i>	
1893, Oct. 1.	Principal is	\$2,000 75
Dr.		
" Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund	\$74 00
" Oct. 1.	For interest to April 1, 1894	50 00
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		\$124 00
Cr.		
1894, May 7.	By amount paid Christopher Noss, per award of committee. Prize	\$100 00
" May 14.	Amount per bill paid	2 00
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		102 00
	Amount balance due Fund to April 1, 1894	<hr/>
		\$22 00
	<i>Smalls Fund.</i>	
	Principal	\$5,000 00
1894, Oct. 1.	For interest on same to date	250 00
Cr.		
1894, Apl. 24.	By amount paid C. G. Fisher, D.D., Treasurer	\$125 00
" Sept. 18.	" " " " "	125 00
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		\$250 00
	<i>Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.</i>	
1893, Sept. 22.	Principal of Fund	\$20 00
1894, May 6.	Received of W. M. Irvine	70 00
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	Oct. 1, 1894	\$160 00
Dr.		
1893, Oct. 1.	For balance due	\$1 91
1894, May 6.	Cash received of W. M. Irvine	11 50
	Interest on Fund to May 8, 1894	2 25
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		\$15 66

Cr.

1894, May 7.	By amount paid F. J. Emil Muehe, as per award of committee. Prize	15 00
	Balance due Fund, May 8, 1894	66
	<i>Seminary Building Fund.</i>	
	For balance in hand of Treasurer Sept. 2, 1893	\$103 68
	Cash received of John J. Nisley, Treasurer of E. Synod, to Oct. 1, 1894	52,348 19
		<hr/> \$52 461 87

Cr.

1894, Oct. 1.	By amount paid as per orders of Rev. J. C. Bowman, Chairman of Building Committee, to Oct. 1, 1894	52,201 28
" Oct. 1.	Balance due Fund	\$250 59
	<i>Jacob Forney Fund.</i>	
	Principal is Lancaster, Sept. 12, 1894. Received of Miss Mary Forney, of Hanover, York Co., Pa., per Rev. J. C. Bowman, one thousand dollars, for the endowment of an Alcove, to the memory of her father, Jacob Forney, in the Theological Seminary Library, Lancaster, Pa.	\$1,000 00

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1893, Sept. 28.	For amount paid by Lancaster Classis	\$7 00
" Sept. 30.	" " " " W. Susq. Classis	6 00
" Sept. 30.	" " " " Schuylkill Classis	13 00
" Oct. 11.	" " " " Potomac Synod	75 90
1894, Mch. 24.	" " " " Lebanon Classis	14 00
" Apl. 6.	" " " " Lehigh Classis	14 00
" Apl. 24.	" " " " Goshenhoppen Classis	\$6 50
" Apl. 28.	" " " " Goshenhoppen Classis	2 50
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" May 16.	" " " " E. Susq. Classis	4 27
" May 20.	" " " " Tohickon Classis	10 00
" May 31.	" " " " E. Penna. Classis	12 00
" Aug. 14.	" " " " Lebanon Classis	14 00
" Sept. 27.	" " " " W. Susq. Classis	6 00
		<hr/> \$194 27

" Oct. 1. Charged to Treasurer in Theological Seminary current expense account, Sept. 25, 1894.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer.

Lancaster, October 4, 1894.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
S. N. HENCH.

Lancaster, October 4, 1894.

The Theological Seminary Class of 1894, for alcove in Library Building, have placed in hands of the Treasurer sundry obligations amounting to \$981.00, maturing in 1895 to 1904.

JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the President and Members of the Potomac Synod:

Your Committee on Education had referred to them the following documents:

First: Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Second: Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Third: Report of President John S. Stahr, D. D., of Franklin and Marshall College.

Fourth: Report of the Synodical Board of Education.

Fifth: Report of the Directors of Woman's College of Frederick, Maryland.

Sixth: Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

First. From the first and second of these reports, both pertaining to the same institution, this Synod receives the gratifying information that our Seminary during the past year has made progress unprecedented in its history: an unusually large number of students has been preparing for the Gospel Ministry; a new professor has been placed in the chair of Practical Theology; new buildings constituting a "Monumental evidence" of the generosity and liberality of our Reformed people, have been erected and dedicated; endowments of alcoves in the new Library have been provided; and a post graduate course of instruction has been formulated for the benefit of resident and non-resident graduates of the school. The reports request \$75.00 from our Synod for the support of the teacher of Elocution, and \$400.00 for meeting the current expenses of the Seminary, for next year. In view of all this,

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac hereby expresses its gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for having enabled our people to do so much for the advancement of this "School of the Prophets" and the enlargement of its usefulness, and that we cheerfully pledge it our continued moral and financial support.

Resolved, That we hear with pleasure that a post-graduate course has been formulated and that we commend the same to the pursuit, especially of the younger members of our Synod who are graduates of the Seminary.

Resolved, That this Synod assume the amount of \$475.00 for the objects indicated and order the same to be apportioned on the several Classes.

Second. From President Stahr's report Synod is pleased to know of the continued flourishing condition of Franklin and Marshall College. The institution has never before in its history graduated so large a class as that of the present year, nor welcomed so numerous an incoming class—the graduating class numbered 35, the Freshman class consists of 56 members. This increase in the number of students calls loudly for increased facilities and additional teachers, and to provide these, the report expresses hope, that our Synod will join hands with the other two Synods. Accordingly this body,

Resolved, That record be hereby made of our extreme pleasure to learn that Franklin and Marshall College is in so prosperous a condition, and that we renew our pledge to give hearty support to the interests of this institution.

Resolved, That we record our approval of the movement inaugurated by the Board of Trustees looking toward the increase of the endowment fund, and the more thorough equipment of the several departments of the College, and that we recommend this cause to the liberal support of the membership of this body.

Resolved, That whilst pleased with the brief report from the College President, we express the hope that hereafter Synod be furnished by the Board of Trustees with somewhat more detailed statements of the financial condition, etc., of the institution of which this Synod is now joint owner with the Eastern and Pittsburg Synods, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to convey official notice of this action to the Board of Trustees of the College.

Third. From the report of the Synodical Board of Education it is learned that the work entrusted to its supervision has been carefully and successfully carried forward during the year past.

About the same number of worthy young men have been aided, and about the same amounts of money received and expended. This Synod, therefore,

Resolved, That the carefulness exercised by this Board in the selection of young men for beneficiary support be heartily endorsed.

Resolved, That the cause of Beneficiary Education be once more commended to our Classes, and that all of them be urged fully to meet the amounts apportioned upon them, which amount this year is to be \$4000.00, and hereby referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Fourth. From the report of the directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., it is gathered that the success of the first year's work exceeded even the sanguine expectation of its most ardent friends. One hundred and twelve students were in attendance, the annual rental for buildings was paid in full for the year, the course of study was raised and extended, and the wisdom of and necessity for this College demonstrated. The report suggests as a matter due to the daughters of the Reformed Church, the endowment of the Presidency, the enlargement of the Faculty and the fuller equipment of the Library.

The Synods' action is as follows:—

Resolved, That we heartily commend this new Institution of our Synod to the patronage of parents and guardians who have daughters to educate.

Resolved, That we commend the Institution also to the generous support of those whom the Lord has blessed with means which they might contribute for the endowment of the Presidency and the further equipment of the school.

Fifth. From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and from verbal statements of members of this Board this Synod obtains information over which it may well rejoice. The phenomenal success with which the number of students has been increased and the standard of the school advanced cannot but be pleasing to the friends of higher education in our denomination. The entire Church is to be sincerely congratulated upon having a preparatory school whose definite aim it is to lay broad and deep the foundations for collegiate education.

The report also informs Synod that owing to certain improvements and repairs made to the property, and furnishings obtained for the college and other buildings, the old debt of \$3445.00 has been increased by \$5132.00, thus making the present indebtedness of the Institution \$8577.00. Therefore,

Resolved, That we greatly rejoice over the large number of students whom Dr. Irvine's influence and recognized ability as a teacher have drawn to the ancient halls of learning at Mercersburg, and believing the school under his management to be eminently worthy of the confidence and support of our people, we most heartily commend it to those who are seeking the best advantages for sons desiring to fit themselves for college.

Resolved, That the Board of Regents be instructed to submit annually a properly audited summarized statement of the receipts and expenditures of Mercersburg College.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. WEBER, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE UNDER ITEM 6 OF REPORT ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Special Committee under item 6 of Report on Minutes of Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee continued, namely:

Your Committee to secure funds to pay the indebtedness of Mercersburg College, and for necessary repairs and improvements, begs leave to report, that on account of the stringency in financial affairs but little has been done, while the people gladly heard of the success and prosperity of the College.

From the few pastoral charges visited the sum of \$336.73 was collected, and the sum of \$345.75 was paid in improvements, and for interest and reduction of notes in bank.

Respectfully submitted,

C. U. HEILMAN, *Chairman*.

Items 4 and 5 of Report of Minutes on Synod, item 5 of Report on Minutes of Classes, and items 8 and 9 of Report on Overtures were referred for consideration to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. S. Kieffer and Elder W. A. Pence.

This Committee subsequently reported, which was received, considered item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

To your Committee were referred the letter of Rev. Dr. Schaeffer declining his appointment as Professor of Theology in connection with Catawba College and the action of the North Carolina Classis in the matter of the election of a Professor in the place of Dr. Schaeffer, declined. A letter from Rev. J. L. Murphy, agent, to collect an endowment fund of \$25,000 for the North Carolina Professorship.

Besides these documents your Committee had before them also two representative delegates of the North Carolina Classis. From these your Committee learned that there was at present, and likely would be for some years to come, no real demand for a teacher of Theology in connection with Catawba College—that their charges, save one, were now supplied with regular pastors, that there were no students at hand requiring a teacher of Theology, and none in the institution having the ministry in view.

Your Committee carefully considered the whole matter, and having done so, suggest the following for adoption:

Resolved, That because of the changed condition of affairs in the Classis of North Carolina making the election of a Theological Professor at this time unnecessary, the election of such Professor be indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That the agency for the securing of an Endowment Fund be discontinued.

Resolved, That the several Classes contributing this fund be requested to turn the same over to the Trustees of Catawba College for the use of the general Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

Items 2 and 3 of the Report on Overtures were referred to a special committee, constituted of Revs. G. B. Russell, T. F. Hoffmeier, and Elder D. C. Hammett.

At Monday morning's session this committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CALVIN COLLEGE MATTER.

The vast importance of the subject matter referred to this committee be-speaks for it most earnest consideration. It has a bearing upon the future welfare of the whole Church. No other educational interest now before us is broader or more promising. The German element is continually in a transitional state, and this involves for us much gain or loss, according as it is rightly appropriated or neglected. Careful and wise handling of this material will give us large growth and fruit of great value. In the present condition of affairs there is a special call for both prudent counsels and conciliatory treatment of what is involved in the proposition here before this Synod.

Calvin College stands in a peculiarly favorable relation to the German and English elements. Its chief mission is to mediate between them, and its great aim is to fill up a gap to unite them, and thus help to solve the practical problem of conserving, without loss, the Germans as they pass into American life, so that their piety, wealth and numbers be not lost to the Reformed Church. This, however, seeks not to weaken the German nor to rob it of its strength in

changing the mother tongue; but to save, for the present and future, the fast-multiplying Anglo-Germans in the inevitable course of circumstances forcing the change from German to English. With this element well cared for by our Reformed Church there is much to hope for in the years to come.

This aspect of the question need not be argued here. The main thing now before the Synod is the challenge for a decision in determining what to do with the formal overture from the Erie Classis, viz.: to give this Synod a share in the management, support and fruits of the educational institution called Calvin College, at Cleveland, Ohio.

On the simple condition that we "contribute, or pledge to contribute, at some future time," along with the other English Synods, "*twenty thousand dollars*," towards the support of Calvin College, the Erie Classis offers us "equal rights as property-holders and equal representation in control of Calvin College," with trustees in its Board of Management.

Not for any merely material consideration of such gain, however, but for the sake of sustaining the institution in its worthy and laudable work, and its prospective usefulness as an arm of the Church, it were eminently proper for this Synod to accept the trust here offered in good faith. The main ground for any hesitancy as to this conclusion, we may suppose, is found in our already strained efforts to support well all the other institutions already on our hands. But in the sure faith that God does not lay before us a duty which He cannot enable us to undertake, it may be our plain call now to join heartily in this great practical project for the good of our whole denomination, in which we also should have part.

Therefore, relying on the aid and guidance which the blessed Lord always affords His willing servants, in humble faith be it—

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac hereby accepts the offer of the Erie Classis, to the extent of one-fourth of the amount conditioned in their overture.

Resolved, That for the present, and until October, A. D. 1900, this Synod will raise \$300 per annum (the interest of \$5,000) in aid of Calvin College.

Resolved, That if it be deemed at any time favorable and advisable meanwhile, the authorities of Calvin College be permitted and encouraged to make such efforts as will secure the payment of the said sum of \$5,000 from among the people of this Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod do now appoint two commissioners, who shall act with those similarly appointed by the other Synods sharing in this work, and with those of the Erie Classis in reorganizing Calvin College, so as to bring it into harmonious relations with the plan herein proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Revs. J. S. Kieffer and G. B. Russell were chosen the commissioners called for in the foregoing report.

The Standing Committee, under item 3 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE OF SEMINARY ENDOWMENT SECURITIES.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to audit the Seminary Endowment Securities beg leave to report:

That the duty assigned the committee was attended to on the 8th of October, 1894, and that the following securities and cash were found in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, to wit:

First Mortgages on Real Estate, Railroad, Bonds and Notes Amounting to	\$35,650.00
Cash in Hands of Treasurer	64.68
Total	\$35,714.68

Fellowship Fund, one Real Estate Mortgage	\$1,000.00
One Certificate of Deposit in Hanover Saving Fund Society	238.10
Cash in the Hands of the Treasurer	30.00
Total	\$1,268.10

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

At the session of Wednesday afternoon a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. S. Slagle, J. G. Noss, and Elder G. N. Forney, was appointed to consider the propriety of combining the Auditing Committee and that on Invested Funds into a single Standing Committee, and defining its duties as such.

This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee appointed to investigate the subject of the relation of the two Standing Committees, known respectively as the Invested Funds and the Auditing Endowment Committee, beg leave to make the following report: From the Minutes of the Potomac Synod, at Hanover, 1890, page 27, we learn that the Synod resolved hereafter to appoint a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit the Theological Professorship Endowment Securities within ten days of the following meeting of the Synod at which said committee was appointed, and shall also be an Advisory Committee in making investments and report the result to Synod. The Minutes show also (page 46) that the Board of Trustees of Synod offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling for a Standing Committee to examine the investments by the treasurer of the Endowment Fund.

Two Standing Committees were then created to do the same work, the only difference being that the first committee referred to was appointed to advise in making investments as well as to annually examine the securities, and that the second committee was created simply to examine the securities shortly before the annual meeting of Synod. In view of these facts your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That hereafter the Synod annually appoint one Standing Committee in place of the two committees heretofore appointed, which committee shall be known as the *Investing and Auditing Committee of the Endowment Fund*, whose duty it shall be to assist the treasurer of Synod in investing the Endowment Fund of Synod, to carefully examine the securities of the same at least ten days before the annual meeting of Synod and report the result to Synod.

Resolved, That this committee shall be composed of one minister and two elders.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Monday afternoon, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins were elected members of the Board of

Education for the term of three years; E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder S. Hoefflich and Rev. O. U. Heilman were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College as chosen by the Synod at the present time, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins, for three years; Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and A. S. Weber, for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatruck, J. W. Santee and W. Goodrich, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS: E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder S. Hoefflich and Rev. C. U. Heilman, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatruck, T. F. Hoffmeier and F. F. Bahner, for two years; and Rev. W. C. Cremer, Elder A. R. Schnebly and Rev. J. B. Shontz, one year.

At the same time the following persons were respectively chosen members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., to wit:

BOARD OF VISITORS: Revs. J. S. Kieffer and C. Clever, for four years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. O. Miller, for two years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Elders George N. Forney and Edgar Slagle, for six years; Elders H. Wirt Shriver and Jacob H. Cost, for four years; and Elders Israel Laucks and S. Nevin Hensch, for two years.

At the same election John E. Roller was chosen a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, for the term of five years, constituting said Board of Directors as follows: John E. Roller for five years, Rev. E. R. Eschbach for four years, Rev. C. S. Slagle for three years, Elder W. H. Lakin for two years, and A. C. McCordell for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

Missions.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, Annual Report of the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several reports are as follows, with the exception of that of the General Board, which has been published in pamphlet form, and therefore is omitted here, to wit:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Potomac Synod:

DEAR BRETHREN: As the report of the General Board will cover the missions within your bounds, we need not report less in detail than we did in former years.

In November, 1893, the Board organized for another four-year term by the election of the former officers, namely, Rev. J. O. Miller, D.D., as President; Rev. E. N. Kremer, as Secretary; and Elder John J. Nissley, as Treasurer. These three, with Superintendent A. C. Whitmer, who was re-elected by the General Board, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, D.D., Rev. John W. Pontius and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., form the Executive Council.

Although the Board has only advisory power, yet this fact involves great responsibility, and we have tried to be faithful to our trust. The quarterly reports of the missionaries, with whatever requests they contained, as well as all items of business that came before us from time to time, received due attention.

The roll of missions is not greatly changed. While one mission, Hamilton, Wash., has been dropped from the roll, and two have become self-supporting, namely, Concord, N. C., and Easton, Pa., on the other hand four have been enrolled, namely, Thomasville, N. C., Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Everett, Wash., and Harrisonburg, Va. These enrollments really add but little to our outlay, for all receive only small appropriations, while Everett, Wash., is supported by special pledges made by the congregation in Frederick, Md., and by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Third Street Church, Easton, Pa.

The question of transferring our Pacific Coast missions to the German Board of the West, in progress a year ago, has not yet received final answer.

The list of Church-building Funds has lengthened from twenty-one on record a year ago to twenty nine. The following have been received during the year: The Florence Clark Shuman Fund, from Elder Jeremiah S. Shuman, of Catawissa, Pa., in memory of his deceased wife; the William and Susan Dice Fund, from the heirs of Elder William Dice, of Zion's Church, Chambersburg, Pa.; the John and Sarah E. Emig Fund from three daughters, members of Trinity Church, York, Pa.; the Woman's Missionary Society of East Pennsylvania Classis Fund, completed in May, 1894; the Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley Fund, in loving memory from their children; the Edwin B. and Charles S. McCauley Fund, in loving memory from their brothers and sisters, the children of Rev. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley; the Emmanuel's Hanover Fund, No. 3, from the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's Church, Hanover, Pa.; and lastly, the Martin L. and Anna C. Lerch Fund, from Elder Martin L. Lerch, of Freemansburgh, Pa.

By direction of the Board the Superintendent last May published a second edition of the Tract on "Our Church-building Funds," enlarged and complete, the expense (except a small part) having been paid by Mrs. Ezra High, of the First Church, Reading, Pa. Nearly seven hundred copies have been distributed, in the hope of awakening still greater interest in this important part of our work.

The report of Treasurer John J. Nissley, which is herewith presented, shows that both Synods have fallen far short of the apportionment for the support of the missionaries, as well as in that for church-building, no doubt in part owing to the hard times.

While we gratefully report that the missions as a whole are doing well, and that the prospects for the new Synodical year are bright, the Board must at the same time with some anxiety express the hope that during the year to come the income from the Eastern and the Potomac Synods will be much larger than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

JOHN J. NISSELY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Dr.
1893. Oct. 2. To balance in the
Treasury \$2,273 68

For Missions.

Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.

Philadelphia	\$2,134 58
Tohickon	1,021 62
Goshenhoppen	1,317 29
East Pennsylvania	100 00
Lebanon	1,215 54
Schuylkill	2,066 13
Lancaster	999 66
East Susquehanna	683 02
West Susquehanna	614 48
Lehigh	1,548 02
Wyoming	697 96
	<hr/> \$12,398 20

Synod of Potomac.

CLASSES.

Maryland	1,751 96
Mercersburg	841 32
Juniata	841 30
Carlisle	534 66
Zions	476 91
Gettysburg	197 33
North Carolina	100 00
Virginia	250 00
	<hr/> 4,903 48
	<hr/> \$19,665 36

Miscellaneous Sources for Missions.

Reformed Congregation, Ridgely, Md.	22 05
John Miller, Beavertown, Pa.	1 00
Collection Eastern Synod at Lebanon, Pa.	13 57
Woman's Miss. Soc., St. Paul's Church, Maho- noy City	25 00
Woman's Miss. Soc., Ash- land, Pa., to complete pledge	15 01
Rev. G. Graedel Ballard, Washington	7 00
From "Anonymous" Bal- timore, Md.	4 00
J. W. Bowman, 1st Dep. S. S., Salem Reformed Church, Harrisburg	3 00
St. Luke's Ref'd Church, North Wales	11 20
Ladies' Miss. Soc. 1st Church York, pledge for Rev. Sangree	50 00
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va. Rev. A. B. Bauman, Har- risville, Va.	50 00 7 22
Miss. Soc., Christ's Ref. Church, Lower Saucon, Pa.	16 00
Mrs. Adelaide F. Gast, Lan- caster	5 00
Christ's Evan. Ref. Church, Green St., Phila.	143 27

Brought forward	372 31
Ref. Congregation, East Vincent, Pa.	1 86
Miss. Soc., Pennsburg, Pa.	5 00
St. John's Guild, Allen- town, Pa.	1 00
Ref. Cong. at Williamsport, Pa.	5 00
Ref. Cong. at Frederick, Md., pledge for Everett, Washington	50 00
First Church, Hanover, Pa., Lenten offering	18 56
Sunday School, 1st Church, Hanover, Lenten offer- ing	19 00
G. W. D. Enders, Flab- erville, Pa., Easter of- fering	7 00
Sunday School, Reiglesville, Pa.	108 74
St. Paul's Ref. Mission, Woodstock, Va.	10 00
Third Church, Easton, Pa.	20 00
Emmanuel's Cong., Han- over, Pa.	100 00
E. H. Burkholder and wife, Farmersville, Pa.	20 00
Sunday School, Christ's Ref. Church, Phila.	50 00
Woman's Miss. Soc., Mer- cersburg Classis	100 00
C. Endeavor Soc., 3d St. Church, Easton, Pa.	25 17
Mrs. Catharine Dickel, Har- rieburg	15 00
Mrs. Geo. B. Kelker	10 00
Interest on Nevin Boyer Memorial Fund	5 00
Woman's Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod	590 00
Zwingli Miss. Soc., Epier's Church, Lebanon Co.	15 00
Dr. E. R. Eschbach's 3d pay- ment for Everett, Wash- ington	25 00
	<hr/> \$1,573 64

Designated Use for Missions.

Woman's Miss. Soc., Phila. Classis for Calvary Mis- sion, Phila.	15 00
Bethlehem Mission, Phila., account pledge	25 00
Messiah Mission, Phila., on account \$100 pledge	10 00
Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. T. J. Bowers	250 00
Schuylkill Classis, per Dr. A. S. Raudenbush	600 00
Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. H. Y. Stoner	400 00
Lehigh Classis, for Rev. M. J. Roth	150 00
Lehigh Classis, for Rev. M. Dieffenderfer	200 00
East Penna. Classis, for C. Noss	35 00

Brought forward	1,685 00
East Penna. Class's, for Rev. H. H. W. Hibsh- man, D. D.	291 65
Lebanon Classis, for Lykens charge	10 00
Lebanon Classis, for John- stown charge	1 00
West Susquehanna Classis, for Rev. S. Kuhn	100 00
Mrs. Adelaide F. Gast, for Rev. M. G. Sangree	10 00
Woman's Miss. Soc., St. Stephen's, Lancaster, for Rev. Lewis Reiter . . .	32 00
Rev. Samuel A. Leinbach, for Roanoke Mission . . .	5 00
Rev. J. H. Fannebecker, Treas., for 4th Church, Harrisburg	50 00
Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., Pastor for Stroudsburg Mission	45 00
Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., Pas- tor for Hazleton Mission Pleasantville Congregation, for Rev. Henry Tesnow . .	15 00 10 00
	<u>\$2,254 65</u>

Interest on Loans.

From Maryland Classis . .	15 00
" Rev. T. J. Bower . . .	12 00
" Mrs. C. A. Fremel . . .	132 50
" Second Ref. Church, Harrisburg	10 59
" Grace Ref. Church, Abilene, Kansas	80 50
" Spangler Legacy	37 50
" York Bank stock	150 00
" L. C. Seidel	16 00
" Rev. G. Graedel	69 00
" Sophia and J. L. Grove	20 00
" First Ref. Church Ryersford	10 60
" Faith Mission, Balti- more	167 00
" General Board	25 00
" St. Stephen's Church, Baltimore	50 00
" Calvary Ref. Church, Scranton	12 00
" Mrs. C. A. Fremel . . .	
	<u>807 09</u>

Hungarian Missions.

From J. J. Nimley, Treas- urer, Eastern Synod . . .	334 70
" J. J. Nimley, Treas- urer, Eastern Synod . . .	456 95
" Woman's Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, 3d quarterly payment . . .	75 00
" Woman's Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod	25 60
" Woman's Miss. Soc., Phila. Classis	25 00
" St. Paul's Ref. Sunday School, Woodstock, Va. . .	3 93
" C. A. Shultz, Treas- urer, Zion's Classis . . .	25 22
" Rev. J. David Miller, Treas., Carlisle Classis . .	32 00
" Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer, Gettysburg Classis	10 00
	<u>988 40</u>

Harbor Mission.

From J. J. Nimley, Treas., Eastern Synod	84 70
" J. J. Nimley, Treas., Eastern Synod	45 53
	<u>130 23</u>
	<u>\$25,419 37</u>

Disbursements.

Paid James T. Reber, Treas., for Missions . \$19,723 38	
Paid Rev. Gottfried Vetter	50 00
Paid amounts contributed for designated use . . .	2,254 65
Paid James T. Reber, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	988 40
Paid James T. Reber, Treas., for Harbor Mis- sion	130 23
Paid Traveling Expenses of Superintendent and Board, Postage, Print- ing and Stationery . . .	229 92
Paid Rev. D. B. Shuey for repairs, etc., to parson- age at Emporia, Kansas	150 00
Paid Interest	164 25
Paid Wirt Legacy on Loan to St. Paul's Ref. Church, Roanoke, Va. . .	1,000 00
Paid Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	150 00
Balance in Treasury . . .	688 54
	<u>\$25,419 37</u>

Church Building.

1893, Oct. 2. To Balance in Treasury	\$381 47
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Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.

Lancaster	121 25
West Susquehanna	158 44
East Susquehanna	137 61
Schnylkill	257 70
Lebanon	173 80
East Pennsylvania	104 37
Goehenhoppen	224 00
Tohickon	196 00
	<u>\$1,372 07</u>

Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.

Carlisle	5 90
Zion's	8 60
	<u>14 50</u>

Miscellaneous Sources.

From Mrs. Frank P. Herr, Ridgely, Md.	10 00
From Mrs. Ezra High, Reading, Pa.	50 00
From Miss. Soc., Ridgely, Md.	5 00
	<u>65 00</u>

Church Extension, Baltimore, Md.

From Rev. J. David Miller, Treas., Carlisle Classis . .	52 00
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Church Building Funds.

For John and Sarah Emig Fund	500 00
For William and Susan Dice Fund	500 00
For Rev. Dr. Charles F. and Maria Hoke McCauley Memorial Fund	600 00
For Florence Clark Shuman Fund	500 00
For East Penna. Classis Fund	185 34
For Wyoming Classis Fund	146 00
For Catechumens' Fund	68 79
For West Susquehanna Classis Fund	93 55
For Edwin B. and Clara S. McCauley Memorial Fund	470 00
For Emmanuel's Hanover Church Fund No. 3	500 00
	<u>3,563 68</u>

Loans Repaid.

Maryland Classis, 3d Payment, 2d Mortg., Faith Miss., Baltimore	180 00
Rev. T. J. Bower	100 00
Second Ref. Church, Harrisburg	177 80
C. S. Slagle, Treas., account Loan Christ's Church, Baltimore	200 00
Mrs. C. A. Fremel, account of Loan	600 00
Sophia and John L. Grove, Mortg. Paid	2,000 00
Grace Ref. Church, Abilene, Kansas	100 00
C. S. Slagle, Treas., 5th Payment Mortg. Faith Miss., Baltimore	150 00
	<u>3,477 80</u>
Loan from John J. Nissley	1,500 00
	<u>\$10,426 52</u>

Disbursements.

Paid C. M. Boush, Treas. Church Extension	381 47
Paid Balc. \$3,000. Loan to St. Paul's Ref. Church, Roanoke, Va.	2,000 00
Paid amount contributed by East. Susq. Classis for Church Building to Rev. L. D. Steckel, for Tower City Mission	137 01
Paid Donation to Rev. Henry Tesnow, Messiah Mission, Phila.	200 00
Paid Rev. W. F. Lichteletter to cancel debt on Church	150 00
Paid Edgar Slagle, Tr. Synod of the Potomac Church Extension, Baltimore	52 00
Paid Loan to Fourth Ref. Church, Harrisburg	1,500 00
Paid Rev. J. C. Leonard to aid in building Church at Thomasville, N. C.	250 00
Paid Loan from J. J. Nissley	1,500 00
Paid Rev. A. C. Whitmer, for Postage, etc., on Building Fund Tracts and Letters	12 15
Paid C. M. Boush, Treas. Church Extension, one-half contributed by the different Classis for Church building	693 28
Balance in Treasury	<u>3,550 61</u>
	<u>\$10,426 52</u>

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

Hummelstown, Pa., Sept. 22, 1894.

Audited and found correct.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 24, 1894.

C. S. GERHARD.
J. A. HOFFHEINS.

TO THE POTOMAC SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN: Were the Board of Foreign Missions to present to your Reverend Body its usual annual statement showing a decline, during the last year, in the fruitful efficiency of our work in Japan, it would be only what might be expected in view of the political and warring complications in that country. But it is with thankful hearts that we find ourselves saved from such a painful necessity. With but few exceptions, and these for the most part readily accounted for, it is our happy privilege to report encouraging success along the whole line. The principal exceptions just referred to, as appears from the late statistical report, are the want of increase in membership and the falling off in contributions, in part of our field. This appears to be confined to the remoter points. When for one moment we consider the condition of our evangelistic work during the last year, with Rev. Dr. Moore's time engrossed in the Girls' School; with Rev. Schneder not

sufficiently recovered to take his wonted part in this work; with Rev. Miller not sufficiently familiar with the language; with our out-posts left to the care of native evangelists, as yet with limited experience in their work, the wonder is that the shortage is not much greater. The decrease in contributions may be accounted for, at least in part, by the decrease in the value of the Japanese *yen*, which is now worth only about fifty cents, whereas our report is in gold. They may have contributed nearly as many *yen* as they did the year before, but their value is much less in gold.

A considerable number of names have been erased from the congregational lists in consequence of the alienation of many, caused by the political agitations, and violent opposition of the Buddhists. It has been a year of sifting. But while the number of "dismissals and erasures" was 124, and deaths 31, (the dismissals are not to be counted as defections), yet the net increase of members is greater this year than the one preceding. The number received from other churches was but little over half what it was the year before, while the number of baptisms was 235 against 94. The total membership is 1960 as against 1842, probably by this time 2000. There were five graduates from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin, thus increasing the number of native workers.

The necessity of an early reinforcement of our workers in both the teaching and evangelistic departments, was apparent to the Board. The wisdom of enabling them to acquire the language before the necessity of their service became immediately imperative, was also clear. When, therefore, the Christian Endeavor Societies of our Church proposed to support a new missionary to Japan upon the sole condition that he be called the "C. E. Missionary," thus providing for the support of one, the Board felt warranted, besides appointing Rev. S. S. Snyder, of Columbiana, O., the "C. E. Missionary," to appoint a second, Mr. Christopher Noss, of Silver Run, Maryland, who after taking a post-graduate course of one year in the University at Berlin, Germany, will proceed to his field of labor in Japan.

Verily has God blessed our work. We look forward to the coming year with bright hopes and expectations. Rev. Dr. Moore will be released from the Girls' School by the arrival of Miss Zurfluh, and will be enabled to devote himself to his proper evangelistic work. Rev. Snyder will lend a helping hand to the extent that his want of acquaintance with the language will allow, and when after another year Mr. Christopher Noss, now under appointment, shall take his place in the field, the Board anticipates a forward movement in our work such as it has not been in our power hitherto to effect.

The question of the effective prosecution of our work awaits its solution, not so much in Japan as here at home. Will the home Church furnish the means for the realization of our hopes? We look to you, beloved brethren, for the answer. For after all, success largely depends upon our pastors.

The self-denial effort to relieve the Board of its embarrassing indebtedness was but a partial success, furnishing but little over half the needed sum. But that was a great help. The measure was new to the Church, and commanded the co-operation of but a portion of our congregations. In view of the pressing necessities now weighing upon the Board of providing comfortable residences for Rev. Dr. Moore and Rev. Snyder, and in another year for Bro. Noss, we most respectfully ask your Reverend Body to designate the approaching Lenten Season, or such other time as may be deemed befitting, as a time for special self-denial offerings to meet the emergency. We need at least some eight thousand dollars for the three houses and necessary grounds, over and above the sum designated by General Synod for current expenses.

We also respectfully urge your Synod to take such action as will move the Church to respond promptly and favorably to the action of General Synod in this sacred interest.

Brethren in the Lord, you have laid the Lord's work upon us. Our hands are to the plow, and we pray that we be not compelled to turn back for the want of means.

Statistics for the year 1893-1894.—Organized churches, 12; self-supporting and independent churches, 5; preaching stations, 41; membership last year, 1842; dismissals and erasures, 124; deaths, 31; received from other churches, 38; baptisms, 235; present membership, 1960; girls' school, 1; scholars, 58; Sunday-schools, 27; scholars, 1063; boys' schools, 1; scholars, 134; theological schools, 1; scholars, 23; native ministers, 9; unordained preachers, 18; colporteurs, 2; Bible women, 5; contributions, for all purposes, \$2,528.21; number of students at the close of last term, both Theological and Collegiate, 160. Students who dropped out during the year are not included in this number.

Your servant in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., October 1, 1894.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows:

The following reports were placed in our hands: The Annual Report of the General Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, the Audited Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions and the Report of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Your committee gleans from these reports many things which are hopeful, and for which we have great reason to be thankful to the great Head of the Church. All the Boards speak of the necessity of enlarging the work, because of the demands which are being made upon them. The appeals coming from our mission in Japan are Macedonian calls to "Come over and help them."

The General Board of Missions is asking for help, that they may go forward with the work in many of the larger cities of our land. An auspicious beginning has been made in Sunday-school missionary work. The work and growing interest among the ladies of our Church is another sign of promise. The fact that during the year eight special Building Funds were given by members and friends of the Church is another evidence of the growing favor of our mission work.

From the Report of the Foreign Mission Board we learn that two new missionaries were sent out during the year, Rev. S. S. Snyder and Miss Zurfluh, and Mr. Christopher Noss has been placed under appointment and will depart for Japan one year hence. We also learn from this report that the self-denial effort was successful in part to relieve the Board, and they ask for another self-denial effort for the special work on hand in Japan. The following apportionment is asked from this Synod: Home Missions, \$9,000; Hungarian Missions, \$500; Foreign Missions, \$5,100; and 6 cents per member for Church Building.

Resolved, That we assume the amount of \$9,000 for Home Missions, \$500 for Hungarian Missions, \$5,100 for Foreign Missions and 6 cents per member for Church Building, and that these sums be apportioned among the several Classes.

Resolved, That Synod urge upon our Classes the importance of raising special Church Building Funds, in view of the demand for church edifices for our missions.

Resolved, That Synod, in accordance with the wishes of the Foreign Board,

designate the coming Lenten season, in part at least, as a period for self-denial offerings for the special work of providing residences for our missionaries.

Resolved, That, in view of the fact that the work in Japan is calling for enlarged outlay of money and more workers, Synod ask the Classes to urge the payment of the Foreign Mission apportionment in full, and encourage congregations which are morally and financially able, to contribute over and above their apportionment as much as possible for the general work.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS ROBB, *Chairman*.

The Special Committee, under item 11 of Report on Minutes of Synod, appointed at the last annual meeting, to assist in organizing the Synodical Missionary Society, as authorized by the Synod, reported, and after considerable discussion over the report, it was, on motion, re-committed with instructions, and the committee was directed to report accordingly to the next annual meeting of the Synod.

The request from the General Board of Missions for assistance in building the English Mission church in Chicago, Ill., was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions, which reported, and, after being amended, the report was adopted as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That, in answer to the request of the General Board of Missions for building a church in Chicago, Ill., this Synod assume one thousand dollars.

Resolved, That this amount be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment among the several Classes.

The following preamble and resolutions were moved and adopted:

WHEREAS, This Synod, under Divine Providence, rejoices in the fact of continued success on the part of the labors of our missionaries in Japan, and from the present encouraging prospect under the continuance of the blessing of the Holy Spirit, and the proper pecuniary aid, we may hope for the accomplishing of still greater gatherings; and,

WHEREAS, One of these self-denying Christian workers, in the person of Mrs. Hoy, is at this time on a temporary visit to America, appealing to the people of our Church and our nation for increased aid for the wider dissemination of their work in that land, where the "harvest is great and the laborers few;" therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize in Mrs. Hoy a faithful and efficient instrument in the hands of the Master for the performance of such service as, in the pursuit of evangelization, she is called upon to perform.

Resolved, That, in the solicitation for means for the specific object of providing more suitable and greatly needed quarters for the Boys' School at Sendai, and for the wider circulation of the "*Evangelist*," we commend this faithful sister to the generous support of all who may be constrained to contribute their means to the laudable object which Mrs. Hoy at this time represents.

Resolved, further, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish Mrs. Hoy with an official copy of the foregoing action.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller were elected members of the Synod's Board of Missions for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE.

Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller, for four years; Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore, for three years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for two years; and Rev. J. W. Pontius, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

Finance.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 12, 1894.*

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Received.

From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund	76 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	67 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	5 94	
" " " North Carolina Professorship	12 87	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore	13 53—	165 31
" Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund	146 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	110 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	20 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions	73 03	
" " " North Carolina Professorship	164 59	
" " " Seminary Building at Lancaster	20 73	
" " " Sunday School Board General Synod	63 84	
" " " Church Building	47 00—	636 19
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund	58 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	44 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	11 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions	29 00	
" " " North Carolina Professorship	104 00—	246 00
" Virginia Classis for Home Missions	250 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions	38 00	
" " " North Carolina Professorship	76 00—	363 00
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund	93 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	70 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	12 00—	175 00
" Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fund	67 25	
" " " Mercersburg College	3 80	
" " " Theological Seminary	5 50	
" " " Church Extension in Baltimore	52 00	
" " " North Carolina Professorship	57 33—	185 88
" Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund	88 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	67 00	
" " " Home Missions	941 30	
" " " Hungarian Missions	77 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	13 00—	1,186 30
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund	49 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	37 00—	86 00
" Portland Oregon Classis for Contingent Fund	27 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	5 00	
" " " Church Building	10 50	
" " " Home Missions General Synod	19 50—	62 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer, October 13, 1893		1,206 34
		<u>\$4,311 02</u>

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Expenditures.

1893.		
October 20.	By cash paid Rev. J. G. Noss, expense in calling special meeting of Synod in April, 1893	2 35
"	By cash paid Rev. B. L. Gerhart, expense attending meeting of Eastern Synod	8 00
"	By cash paid Rev. J. G. Noss, expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors	2 50
October 25.	By cash paid Rev. T. J. Berkley, expense of Synod	25 00
"	By cash paid Rev. T. J. Berkley, telegram to Mrs. Dr. Schaff	75
October 30.	By cash paid Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., expense of Centennial Committee	23 65
"	By cash paid Rev. J. David Miller, printing tickets and Centennial envelopes	9 50
December 20.	By cash paid John J. Niesley, Treas., Home Missions	182 64
December 21.	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas., Home Missions, General Synod	19 50

1894.		
January 3.	By cash paid Hanover S. F. Society, Box rent for 1894 . . .	5 00
January 5.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Theological Seminary Building . . .	20 73
"	By cash paid Ref. Church Publication Houses publishing Minutes of Synod . . .	210 50
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., interest on Stoude-nour legacy . . .	12 00
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., postage and expenses on Minutes . . .	12 00
February 16.	By cash paid C. G. Gross, Treas., Contingent Fund General Synod . . .	240 00
February 27.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions . . .	256 00
April 23.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions . . .	202 66
May 5.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechtbill legacy . . .	12 00
May 17.	By cash paid Rev. J. T. Rosmer, expense of amendment to the Charter of Synod . . .	2 75
May 21.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions . . .	250 00
May 23.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., salary as stated clerk . . .	100 00
May 24.	By cash paid Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treas., Church Extension in Baltimore . . .	65 50
May 25.	By cash paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors . . .	3 42
June 13.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions . . .	200 00
"	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Kachbach, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors . . .	3 00
"	By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors . . .	3 00
June 29.	By cash paid Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treas., Sunday School Board of General Synod . . .	35 32
August 8.	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas., Hungarian Missions . . .	184 03
August 10.	By cash paid Rev. J. David Miller, Sec., expense of Board of Education . . .	19 91
September 5.	By cash paid Edgar Slagle, salary as Treas. to Jan. 1, 1895 . . .	100 00
September 10.	By cash paid Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors . . .	2 94
September 24.	By cash paid Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treas., Sunday School Board of General Synod . . .	28 52
October 5.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treas., for Theological Seminary . . .	75 00
October 10.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Home Missions . . .	160 00
October 12.	By cash paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas., Hungarian Missions . . .	33 00
"	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treas., Church building . . .	57 50
"	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., Mercersburg Col-lege . . .	3 80
"	By cash paid Rev. J. C. Leonard, for half the expense of Delegates from North Carolina . . .	35 00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer . . .	1,763 55
		\$4,311 02

Respectfully submitted,

Hanover, October 12, 1894.

EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance submits the following report. The Treasurer's Report has been audited, and found to be correct, according to the vouchers furnished by him.

The amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows: Home Missions, \$9,000; Foreign Missions, \$5,100; Beneficiary Education, \$4,000; Theological Seminary, current expenses, \$400; and teacher in elocution, \$75; Calvin College, \$300; Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$450; Contingent Fund of Synod of Potomac, \$600; English Mission Church of Chicago, \$1,000; and for Church Building six cents per member. These several amounts your Committee has apportioned as follows:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$2,201; Gettysburg Classis, \$1,363; Juniata Classis, \$1,320; Zion's Classis, \$1,123; Mercersburg Classis, \$841; North Carolina Classis, \$755; Carlisle Classis, \$630; Virginia Classis, \$604, and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$163. Making \$9,000.

Foreign Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$1,247; Gettysburg Classis, \$772; Juniata Classis, \$748; Zion's Classis, \$636; Mercersburg Classis, \$477; North Carolina Classis, \$428; Carlisle Classis, \$358; Virginia Classis, \$342, and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$92. Making \$5,100.

Hungarian Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$124; Gettysburg Classis, \$77; Juniata Classis, \$76; Zion's Classis, \$64; Mercersburg Classis, \$49; North Carolina Classis, \$44; Carlisle Classis, \$37, and Virginia Classis, \$35. Making \$506.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$976; Juniata Classis, \$725; Gettysburg Classis, \$600; Zion's Classis, \$499; Mercersburg Classis, \$450; Carlisle Classis, \$350, and Virginia Classis, \$300. Making \$3,900.

Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis, \$20; Juniata Classis, \$13; Gettysburg Classis, \$12; Mercersburg Classis, \$11; Zion's Classis, \$9; Carlisle Classis, \$5, and Virginia Classis, \$5. Making \$75.

Theological Seminary (Current Expenses).—Maryland Classis, \$100; Gettysburg Classis, \$61; Juniata Classis, \$60; Zion's Classis, \$51; Mercersburg Classis, \$39; North Carolina Classis, \$35; Carlisle Classis, \$29, and Virginia Classis, \$25. Making \$400.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Maryland Classis, \$110; Gettysburg Classis, \$70; Juniata Classis, \$67; Zion's Classis, \$57; Mercersburg Classis, \$44; North Carolina Classis, \$37; Carlisle Classis, \$32; Virginia Classis, \$28, and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5. Making \$450.

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Maryland Classis, \$146; Gettysburg Classis, \$93; Juniata Classis, \$88; Zion's Classis, \$76; Mercersburg Classis, \$58; North Carolina Classis, \$49; Carlisle Classis, \$42; Virginia Classis, \$38, and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$10. Making \$600.

Calvin College.—Maryland Classis, \$74; Gettysburg Classis, \$46; Juniata Classis, \$45; Zion's Classis, \$38; Mercersburg Classis, \$29; North Carolina Classis, \$25; Carlisle Classis, \$22, and Virginia Classis, \$21. Making \$300.

English Mission Church of Chicago.—Maryland Classis, \$248; Gettysburg Classis, \$154; Juniata Classis, \$152; Zion's Classis, \$128; Mercersburg Classis, \$98; North Carolina Classis, \$82; Carlisle Classis, \$72, and Virginia Classis, \$66. Making \$1,000.

Church Building (six cents per member).—Maryland Classis, \$532.50; Gettysburg Classis, \$326.64; Juniata Classis, \$311.10; Zion's Classis, \$278.52; Mercersburg Classis, \$208.92; North Carolina Classis, \$169.74; Carlisle Classis, \$140.46; Virginia Classis, \$139.68, and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$29.94. Making \$2,137.50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

ARREARAGES.

The following are the arrearages still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$80.69; Virginia Classis, \$38.00; Portland-Oregon Classis, \$35.00, and Zion's Classis, \$28.52 Making \$182.21.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$44.29; Virginia Classis, \$28.00, and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.00. Making \$77.29.

Mercersburg College.—Zion's Classis, \$157.56; Maryland Classis, \$24.50, and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$8.00. Making \$190.06.

Harbor Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$93.00; Zion's Classis, \$29.14; North

Carolina Classis, \$10.00, and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$8.00. Making \$140.14.

Church Extension in Baltimore.—Gettysburg Classis, \$75.00; Virginia Classis, \$45.00; Zion's Classis, \$44.03, and Carlisle Classis, \$8.00. Making \$172.03.

Theological Seminary.—Zion's Classis, \$10.92; Virginia Classis, \$5.00, and Carlisle Classis, \$1.75. Making \$17.67.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$963.19; Gettysburg Classis, \$850.00; Zion's Classis, \$747.85, and Mercersburg Classis, \$3.26. Making \$2,564.28.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees beg to submit the following Annual Report: Your Board met at Hanover, Pa., October 16, 1894. Members present were as follows: Elders Geo. N. Forney, J. N. Slagle, and the Treasurer Edgar Slagle. In the absence of the President the Vice-President was called to the chair, and a quorum being present the following business was transacted:

At the last meeting of the Synod held at Gettysburg, Pa., October 17, 1793, your Board was instructed to have an amendment made to the Charter of the Synod, providing in case of death, resignation or vacancy of the Office of Treasurer of the Synod, that the Board be empowered to fill such vacancy. Your Board has procured said amendment, through the Maryland Legislature, and we submit it herewith for your inspection and approval.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod, showing the funds in his hands, with account of receipts and expenditures, is also submitted for your inspection and action.

As the term of office for one of the members of this Board (Rev. J. T. Rossiter) expires January 1, 1895, it will be necessary for your Reverend Body to provide for filling said vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. N. FORNEY, *Chairman.*

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER, 1894. CHAPTER 89.

An act to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section eight of an Act passed at the January Session, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, being Chapter One Hundred and Eighty-two of the Acts of said Session entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States."

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section eight of the Act, passed at the January Session, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, being Chapter One Hundred and Eighty-two of the Acts of said Sessions entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 8. And be it further enacted, That the said Corporation shall and may have a President, a Vice-President, who shall be the Secretary or Clerk, and a Treasurer, the President and Vice-President to be chosen by the said Corporation, out of their own number, as often as they may see proper, and according to the rules by them to be subscribed; but the Treasurer to be elected annually by the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, from among the members of said Corporation, in such a manner as to said Synod may seem proper, and the same person shall be re-eligible to the office of Treasurer by the said Synod from year to year, as long as he continues

to be a member of the said Corporation, and in the event of any person having declined to serve as Treasurer, or having died while holding said office, or the said office having become vacant from any cause, the Board shall have authority to fill the vacancy until the next meeting of the said Synod; and the said Corporation shall have authority to appoint such other officers and servants as shall by them, the said Corporation, be deemed necessary; to all of which officers the said Corporation may assign such compensation for their services, and such duties to be performed by them, to continue in office for such time, and to be succeeded by others in such way conformably to the provisions of this Act, as the said Corporation may direct.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 15, 1894.



FRANK BROWN, *Governor.*

JAMES H. PRESTON, *Speaker of the House of Delegates.*

JOHN WALTER SMITH, *President of the Senate.*

The foregoing amendment was referred to a Special Committee, composed of Revs. J. G. Noss, E. R. Eschbach, J. A. Hoffheins, and Elders E. A. Shulenberger and G. S. Griffith, for inspection and approval. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Trustees, together with the amended charter of Synod, submits the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Charter be and hereby is approved, and that the Synod extends its thanks to the Board of Trustees for the prompt and satisfactory way in which the duty enjoined upon it has been done.

Resolved, further, That the Charter, as amended, be engrossed upon the Minute Book of the Board, published in the Minutes of the Synod, and, if necessary, placed upon record in a Circuit Court of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted, J. G. Noss, *Chairman.*

The following action was adopted:

Resolved, That all moneys, apportioned for Home and Foreign Missions, when paid, be sent by the several Classical Treasurers directly to the Treasurers of the Bi-Synodic Board and Foreign Missions Board respectively, and not to the Treasurer of Synod, as at present in some instances.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. J. G. Noss was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, for the term of five years, from January 1st, 1895.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. J. G. Noss, five years; Elder Edgar Slagle, four years; Elder Jacob N. Slagle, three years; Elder Henry M. Schmuck, two years; and Elder George N. Forney, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

Appeals and References.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

Complaints.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Sunday-schools.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received, referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Sunday-school Board begs leave to offer the following report: Whilst during the past year fewer Sunday-school Conventions were held, the observance of Children's Day and the practical questions connected with the Sunday-school work received an unusual amount of attention throughout the Synod. This was due in part to the desire of the Church to make the schools more fully nurseries of the Church, but largely to the action of the General Secretary, Rev. R. W. Miller, who, since entering upon his duties, has sought to increase the number of the schools and their efficiency.

Your Sunday-school Board held one meeting during the year in Baltimore, April 16, 1894, at which the General Synod's Sunday-school Secretary was present. At his suggestion certain resolutions were adopted with the purpose to secure the appointment of a Standing Sunday-school Committee in each Classis, to provide a roll of honor of schools having a membership equal to or exceeding the membership of the congregations to which the schools belong, and to a more hearty observance of Children's Day.

On the evening of the day on which the Board met, a meeting in the interest of the Sunday-school cause was held in the 1st Reformed Church, at which Elder G. S. Griffith presided, and Revs. C. Clever and R. W. Miller, president and secretary respectively, of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board, Rev. R. L. Gerhart, editor of the *S. S. Treasury*, and Rev. I. N. Peigtel, delivered addresses.

As a result of what has been done and is now doing, your Board expects, under God's blessing, greater numbers, greater efficiency, and greater glory to God in the Sunday-school.

Finances.

Balance in hand of Treasurer at the close of Synod, 1892 . .	\$ 8.02
Received since that date	4.83

Total	\$12.85
Paid for advertising the S. S. meeting held in 1st Reformed Church, Baltimore	2.20
Paid for circulars	1.00
Paid for traveling expenses of members of Board	9.07
Paid to sexton of 1st Reformed Church	1.00
Paid for Secretary's book and stamps	1.85

Total paid out	\$15.12
Balance due G. S. Griffith	\$2.27

Respectfully submitted, G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Sunday-schools respectfully report, that there was placed in our hands the report of the Sunday-school Board of the Synod of the Potomac, and also a communication from the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod.

From the report of the Sunday-school Board of Synod, we are pleased to learn, that the Sunday-school work of the Church within the bounds of our Synod, has been carried forward during the year with commendable zeal and efficiency, and was attended with a remarkable measure of success. The appointments and work of the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod seem to meet with general favor, and are regarded as full of promise for the future, in regard to this very important department of church work.

From the communication of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, we learn, that since the Secretary, Rev. Rufus W. Miller, has entered upon his work, January 1st, 1894, the work committed to the Board has been moving forward in a very satisfactory manner; that there is cause for thanksgiving to God, that the Board is able to report, that pastors, churches and Sunday schools, and the several Classes, have heartily co-operated in the work as outlined by the Board, which is evidenced by the fact, that Children's Day was observed by nearly all our Sunday-schools this year; that about seventy-eight thousand copies of the service "Gather Them In" were sent out, and that the offerings received for the support of the Board thus far amount to \$4200—and that the financial condition of the Board has thus been placed upon a safe basis. We also learn that the organization of mission Sunday-schools has been begun; that the Board has aided in the establishing of ten mission schools, has aided others in various ways, and that a general movement has been inaugurated to increase the Sunday-school membership of the Church.

To aid the Sunday-school Board of the Church in the prosecution of this noble work within our bounds, your Committee recommends the following for adoption:—

Resolved, That the Classes of Synod be requested heartily to commend the Sunday-school work to our pastors, consistories and people, and that special efforts be put forth to increase the membership and efficiency of our Schools.

Resolved, That we adopt the following action of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, viz.: "That the Classes be requested to recommend to their pastors and Sunday-schools the making of 'Children's Day,' the time for giving their annual offerings for the support of the work of the Board, it being understood that the one cent a member, authorized by the General Synod, be considered as included in the Children's Day offering: and further that the Sunday-schools which do not give the Children's Day offering, be kindly asked to contribute one cent a member for the work of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod annually."

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. CREMER, *Chairman*.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder G. S. Griffith was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder G. S. Griffith, five years; Rev. A. T. G. Apple, four years; Rev. I. N. Peightel, three years; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, two years; and Rev. W. I. Stewart, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

Church Government.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

Publication.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 20 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted :

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had twenty-five hundred copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twenty-First Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, at the cost of \$210.50. The bill was paid promptly by the Treasurer of Synod. The Minutes were ready for distribution, and were distributed early in December.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES, 1894.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods :

Dear Brethren:—Your Publication Board is pleased to report that, the results for the past year have been gratifying, in view of the widespread depression that existed in all departments of trade, which bore with great severity upon publication interests throughout the whole country. Notwithstanding this fact, the subscription list of the *Reformed Church Messenger* has increased, and the other periodicals, with few exceptions, have increased or maintained their former circulation.

The books of the lessee, which were duly examined, showed receipts for the year from all sources of \$35,176.39, which, being within the limit of \$40,000, the basis of the guarantee, entitles the Board to receive \$1,200 from the lessee. This sum was received by the Treasurer of the Board, and is included in his report submitted at the annual meeting of the Board, September 5th, 1894, the only meeting held during the year. The Treasurer, James T. Reber, then reported total funds in hand of \$9,171.96, of which \$971.96 was in cash, and the remainder in investments yielding 5 per cent. and 6 per cent. interest.

At its late meeting the Board passed resolutions commending to the several Synods this particular interest, and bespeaking for it their active co-operation in the extension of its field and the increase of its patrons. The direct pecuniary benefit, even under conditions more or less adverse, and which, in the opinion of your Board, should not have been countenanced, are so manifest in the handsome fund already to your credit, that this consideration alone should serve to concentrate your individual and joint support upon this House to the exclusion of all others.

The attention of the Synod of the Potomac is called to the expiration, January 1st, 1895, of the term of G. S. Griffith, and that of the Eastern Synod, to the expiration of the term of Edward J. Durban.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President,*
EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, September 26th, 1894.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee to whom was committed the consideration of the Publication interests of the Synod, begs leave to offer the following:

From the report of the Publication Board for the year 1894, the only document placed in our hands, we learn the gratifying fact that, notwithstanding the financial depression, the subscription list of the *Reformed Church Messenger* has increased, and the other periodicals, with few exceptions, have increased or maintained their former circulation. Furthermore, we learn the encouraging fact, that the Board has \$8,200 invested at a satisfactory per cent., as against \$4,205.19 last year, being almost double the amount then reported.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That this Synod hears with much pleasure of the increase of the subscription list of its periodicals, and of the prompt investment of its increasing funds on the part of its faithful Board.

Resolved, That the concern expressed on the part of the Board for the "individual and joint support" of this House of Publication, which is operated under a lease given by the three Synods of which we form a part, is reciprocated and emphasized by this Synod, and that we again call the attention of our several Classes to this important matter.

Resolved, That we reiterate the action of last year, which "affectionately and earnestly reminds the several Classes under its care—Pastors, Consistories and Members—of the great importance of the presence of Church literature for a proper and intelligent advance of Church life and Church work, and, therefore, recommends that an energetic effort be made in every pastoral charge to increase the circulation of the periodicals of our Church."

Respectfully submitted, _____ GEO. W. SNYDER, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder G. S. Griffith was elected a member of the Board of Education, to serve for four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE

Elder G. S. Griffith, for four years; and Elder Samuel Hoeflich, for one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

Miscellaneous.

During the session of Saturday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of Monday afternoon's session. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. C. S. Stover, J. C. Leonard, and Elders D. M. Schnebly and C. A. Shultz acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the

Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-schools and Publication.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes, to whom items 6 and 7 of the Report on Overtures were referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee on Orphan Homes would respectfully report:

The annual reports of Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes, together with a statement from Rev. P. C. Prugh, D.D., Superintendent of the latter Home, have been referred to us. From these papers we learn that both of them are in a prosperous condition. Their affairs are administered in a practical and economical manner. It is estimated that it costs in either of them about \$100 a year to maintain a child. Great care is taken to admit to them only such orphans as are actually needy and worthy. To all such, their doors are open from our Synod as well as from other parts of the Church. The religious and moral condition of the children is said to be quite good. The general health of the children was also remarkably good.

There are now 98 inmates in Bethany Orphans' Home, and 5 more are about to be admitted. Of these 18 are from the bounds of this Synod. All orphans in this Home are dependent on the Church for support. In order to pay present indebtedness on current expenses, and to take the family through the winter, this Home looks to us and the Church at large for about six thousand dollars at the coming Christmas season.

In St. Paul's Orphan Home there are now 84 children. Some of these are there at the expense of a father, or a mother, or a friend, while the great majority are dependent on the alms of our churches and Sunday-schools. Thirteen of the children there are from within the bounds of this Synod, while there is held under consideration the application of at least three more, and when these shall have been admitted, there will be sixteen of our orphans in this Home. The Board and Superintendent kindly call our attention to this fact, and tell us that during the last year the aid given them by this Synod was less than half of the cost of the support of the orphans from our bounds. They, therefore, plead for a larger share of our offerings for this cause. This is but just.

We respectfully offer the following for adoption, viz.:

Resolved, That, the blessing vouchsafed to these orphan homes calls for our sincerest gratitude to Him who has not only promised, but has and ever will prove Himself to be the Father of the fatherless.

Resolved, That we commend these orphan homes to the hearty sympathy, earnest prayer and generous support of our Classes, pastors and people, so that a larger number of these little ones may be suitably cared for.

Resolved, That we recommend to our pastors and consistories that, in the distribution of their offerings for this cause, they bear in mind that the orphans from our bounds are almost equally divided between Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. GROH, *Chairman*.

Revs. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, claims and needs of their respective Homes.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The following is a statement of the moneys received and expended on account of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S.," within the bounds of your Reverend Synod, for the year ending Sept. 29, 1894.

RECEIPTS.	
Gettysburg Classis	\$205 27
Maryland "	194 83
Mercersburg "	67 83
Virginia "	67 00
Juniata "	65 00
Zion's "	48 84
Carlisle "	16 76
Total	<u>\$665 53</u>

EXPENDITURES.	
Maryland Classis	\$225 00
Carlisle "	100 00
Virginia "	100 00
Mercersburg "	75 00
Zion's "	75 00
Gettysburg "	50 00
Juniata "	50 00
Total	<u>\$675 00</u>

A place is asked in your printed Minutes for the accompanying statement of the general operations of the Society during the past year. Further, it is hoped that your Reverend Synod will continue to encourage the Society in its noble work of relief, and, if possible, enlarge your interest in the good cause. With the prayer that the benediction of the Great Head of the Church may rest upon your deliberations, I am yours fraternally in Christ,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

St. Petersburg, Pa., Sept. 29th, 1894.

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S.," through its officers, presents for the information of the Church and for record in the Minutes of Synod, the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ending Sept. 29, 1894:

RECEIPTS.	
Cash in Treasury as per last report	\$2,396.00
" from collections in the churches	2,256.00
" " interest on investment	1,213.00
" " miscellaneous sources	500.55
" " matured loan	500.00
	<u>\$6,866.44</u>

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid forty annuitants	\$2,410.00
“ for investment	1,500.00
“ expenses	160.10
Cash in Treasury	2,796.34
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	\$6,866.44

As will be seen from the abovestatement the number of annuitants who have been helped is the same as last year, viz., twenty-nine widows and eleven disabled ministers. For the coming year application has been made for help by four others, two ministers and two widows. The cash in the Treasurer's hands will be needed to meet the appropriations made by the Society at the annual meeting of Oct. 16, 1894.

The membership of the Society in the past year has been increased by the addition of the following from the collections and contributions, to wit:

Life Members: Revs. A. J. Bachman, W. R. H. Deatrich, J. H. Schlappich, A. M. Keifer, W. M. Landis, W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., C. Becker, W. Donat, C. S. Gerhard, D. D., J. W. Miller, J. W. Rauch, D. W. Kerr, T. A. Huber, J. E. Smith, A. C. Snyder, L. Rike, S. C. Goss, D. D., G. W. Snyder, J. R. Lewis, O. F. Schaeffer, B. F. Bausman, A. C. Whitmer, D. W. Gerhard, F. Pilgram, J. J. Wagoner, A. A. Black, W. R. Hofford, D. D., U. O. H. Kerschner, and H. J. Welker.

Annual Members: Revs. C. Gundlach and Louis Brugger.

REV. W. M. DEATRICK, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.

REV. S. S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, St. Petersburg, Pa.

The foregoing statement was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and the following action was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

At the session of Tuesday evening Revs. J. D. Miller, J. M. Runkle, C. S. Stover, L. E. Coblenz and L. Robb, were constituted a reportorial committee to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee appointed to report the proceedings of the Synod to the public press begs leave to report that we have reported to the *Baltimore American*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Times and Record*, *Altoona Tribune*, and the daily papers of York, the proceedings from day to day during our sessions.

Respectfully submitted, J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman*.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the pastor of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

Captain Frank Geise, through pastor J. O. Miller, at the session of Saturday morning, extended a kind invitation to the members of Synod to take a ride over the lines of the Electric Railway Company of York and view the city. The invitation was thankfully accepted, and the time fixed for three and a-half o'clock in the afternoon, following the preparatory services. At the time designated the trip was taken, first going to the beautiful Prospect Hill Cemetery on the north of the city, and thence to Highland Park to the southwest of York, the jaunt occupying a couple of hours, and a ride of probably half a dozen miles. The afternoon was delightful, the trip was greatly enjoyed by the members of Synod, and at Monday morning's session the thanks of the Synod were returned to Mr. Geise.

Rev. G. W. Snyder was, on motion, appointed the representative of Synod to convey its kind greetings to the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church, then in session in the Second Reformed Church of Harrisburg, Pa. At Monday afternoon's session Rev. Snyder reported to the Synod that he had discharged the duty assigned him on Saturday, and presented a bill of eighty-four cents for traveling expenses, which was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

At the session of Saturday morning the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to convey by telegraph the Christian greetings of the Synod to the Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania then in session at Tyrone, Pa. The Corresponding Secretary reported the duty attended to at an expense of fifty-three cents, which the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay.

ARTICLE XXII.

Ministerial Necrology.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received, amended, and then adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to submit the following report:

The occasion to chronicle the deaths of so many brethren in the same year is an unprecedented fact in the history of this reverend body. During the Synodical year, now closing, it pleased God in His infinite wisdom, to call eight of our co-laborers in the ministry from earthly toils to heavenly reward:

NAME	CLASSIS.
Rev. Julius Lange	Portland-Oregon
Rev. Israel S. Weisz, D.D.	Zion
Rev. John C. Hensell	Virginia
Rev. Joseph S. Loose	Virginia
Rev. Amos H. Kremer, D.D.	Carlisle
Rev. Aaron Wanner, D.D.	Zion
Rev. Albert B. Thompson	Virginia
Rev. George W. Welker, D.D.	North Carolina

With the blessed promise that "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever," we patiently wait to meet them in the habitations of the saints in light.

REV. JULIUS LANGE.

The subject of this sketch, a nephew of Rev. Dr. J. P. Lange, the great commentator, was born in Schoeller, a village in Rheinisch Prussia, February 18, 1841. In his boyhood he attended the public schools of his home, and his rapid progress was an evidence that he possessed more than ordinary talents. He entered the State Seminary for teachers in Dusseldorf at an early age, manifested excellent traits, both intellectual and moral, and graduated at the age of twenty with the highest honors. As a recognition of his worthiness he was rewarded with the appointment of "oberlehrer" in his *alma mater*, which position he held for fourteen years, after which he resolved to prepare himself for missionary work in South America. His physicians, however, advised him, on account of his impaired health, to choose the Northern hemisphere. Hence, in 1876, he entered the German theological school at Franklin, Wisconsin, as student and teacher. After taking a course in theology, he received licensure and ordination in 1878 or 1879.

In 1879 he went as a missionary to a field in Clackamas County, Oregon, where he labored for nearly thirteen years and a half, spending in the meantime eight months in Germany, whither he had gone for his health. After resigning his field of labor in the early part of 1893, on account of ill health, he went back to Germany a second time, where he died after a sickness of less than a fortnight, January 11, 1894, at Schoeller, near Darnap, of inflammation of the lungs, aged 52 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Brother Lange was a scholarly man and a faithful missionary. His labor of love on the Pacific Coast is an abiding monument to his blessed memory.

REV. ISRAEL S. WEISZ, D.D.

This faithful servant in the vineyard of Christ was the son of Rev. George Weisz, of blessed memory, and was born November 27, 1821, in Lancaster, Ohio. He was received in infancy through holy baptism into the covenant of grace, and at a proper age received into full membership of the Reformed Church through the rite of confirmation.

He received his early education in the public schools of his native place. He then went to Mercersburg, Pa., and prepared himself for the office of the holy ministry. Subsequently he was licensed and ordained by Lancaster Classis, Ohio, probably in 1843. His first ministerial labors were performed in Fairfield County, Ohio, as assistant to his father.

In 1847 he entered the Newville Charge, Pa., and, after serving it two years, he returned to Ohio, and for ten years labored in the field once occupied by his father. In 1859 he came back to Pennsylvania and labored for two years in the Nittany Valley Charge, serving at the same time as principal of the Jacksonville Union Seminary. In 1861 he removed to Mifflinburg, Pa. In 1865 he located at Williamsport. In 1868 he went to the Mt. Bethel Charge, Northampton County, Pa. Here his first wife, *nee* Miss Elizabeth Zell Foltz, of Mercersburg, Pa., to whom he was married in 1844, died. Several years later he was married to Miss Emma L. Troxel, of Stone Church, Northampton County, Pa.

In 1873 he became pastor of the Paradise Charge, in York County, Pa. Here he labored successfully, and was officially connected with his people to the time of his death, which occurred Monday, January 15, 1894, aged 72 years, 1 month and 18 days. His remains were borne to Prospect Hill Cemetery, York, Pa., and consigned to their resting-place.

Dr. Weisz' ministry covered a half century, in recognition of which an appropriate memorial was adopted by Zion's Classis, at Red Lion, York Co., May, 1893. He was a man of great earnestness and zeal. He was strong intellectually as well as physically, a logical thinker and a fluent preacher in both the English and German languages.

He was Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis for nearly 7 years, and a member of the Visiting Committee of the Theological Department at Ursinus College for many years, from which institution he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. His end was peace. He now rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.

REV. JOHN C. HENSELL.

This aged and venerable servant of Christ was born in Shepherdstown, W. Va., March 29, 1809, and died in Mt. Crawford, Va., March 29, 1894, aged 85 years. Feeling himself called to the holy ministry when 23 or 24 years of age, he entered the High School and Seminary, then located at York, under the care of Drs. Mayer, Rauch, and others. At the close of the winter term of 1835 he was dismissed from the Seminary and recommended for licensure to the Synod convened at Chambersburg, Pa. He was licensed and ordained either in 1835 or 1836.

His first fields of labor were the St. John's and St. Peter's congregations in Augusta County, Va. After serving this charge with great acceptance for twenty-two years and six months, he resigned it in the year 1857-58 and accepted a call from a charge in Rockingham County, Va. Here he labored for twenty-two years and six months, after which he retired from the active ministry, spending the remainder of his years in Mt. Crawford, Va., in care of a beloved grand-daughter.

In 1831 he was married to Miss Annie Powell, of Middletown, Md. His biographer states that a peculiarity in his life was that he served two charges for the same length of time and died on his birthday. His funeral took place March 31, 1894, in the Reformed Church at Mt. Crawford, and his remains were laid to rest in the Reformed Cemetery at the same place.

Bro. Hensell was a faithful minister and a man of great devotion to his Master's work. His memory lives gratefully in the hearts of those unto whom he ministered in holy things, whilst he sleeps peacefully in Jesus, awaiting the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting in the world to come.

REV. JOSEPH S. LOOSE.

This aged father was educated for the holy ministry at Mercersburg, Pa. He was a member of the graduating class of 1849 of Marshall College and in 1851 he graduated from the theological seminary. He was licensed by the Maryland Classis at Emmitsburg, Md., May 20, 1851. The ministers of the Committee of Examination and Licensure were Revs. D. Zacharias, J. S. Kessler and Wm. F. Colliflower. At the annual meeting held a year later at Hagerstown, he was dismissed to Zion's Classis, by which he was received as a licentiate at a special meeting June 2, 1852, when a committee was appointed to ordain and install him. No date is given of his ordination, but it was probably in 1852.

His first and only charge was at Mechanicsburg, Pa., from 1852-1854. Delicate health—especially a weak throat—would not permit him to remain any longer in the ministry. He taught school for a number of years at Mechanicsburg and Mercersburg. In 1857 he removed to Greencastle, and followed agriculture until 1864. He then removed to Williamsport, Md., and two years later returned to Greencastle, where he resided four years. From 1870 to the time of his death he resided in Virginia, first near Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, and subsequently at Bridgewater, where he died April, 1894. He was married to a Miss Gross. Father Loose was never a man of robust health. Although engaged in active ministry only two years, he remained an example of piety, and was always regarded as a man who feared God and loved righteousness.

REV. AMOS H. KREMER, D.D.

The subject of this memoir was indeed a "father in Israel." Throughout his long ministry, covering more than a half century, he enjoyed the universal confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His meek and quiet spirit endeared him to his associates in the office of the holy ministry, and his memory is sacredly embalmed in the hearts of his surviving co-laborers in Christ's vineyard. Dr. Kremer, son of Frederick W. and Margaret Kremer, was born November, 1814, near the village of Washingtonville, Lancaster County, Pa. At the age of 20 he entered the Classical High School at York, Pa., and subsequently he completed his classical and theological studies at Marshall College. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Synod at Philadelphia, October 1, 1839. He received and accepted a call to Shippensburg, where he was ordained November 7, 1839. After laboring successfully at Shippensburg for six years, he accepted a call from the Reformed Church at Carlisle, where he remained until April 1, 1861, when he accepted a call from the First Reformed Church at Lancaster, where he was installed as pastor April 21 of the same year. After sixteen and one-half years of faithful labor he was recalled to Carlisle and resumed his duties October 1, 1877.

In 1889 his congregation, in connection with the Synod of the Potomac, which had convened in Carlisle, appropriately celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ministry. He continued his labors at Carlisle until the close of his eventful life. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, J. H. Shook, on Tuesday, May 8, 1894, aged 80 years.

Impressive funeral services were held at Carlisle May 11, 1894, and were conducted by Revs. Drs. Gerhart, Callender and Rev. J. David Miller.

Dr. Kremer was married November 26, 1839, to Miss Rebecca Kieffer. Two of his sons entered the ministry. Rev. Ellis N., of Harrisburg, and the late Stephen K. In 1872 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. His love for the institutions of the Church was great. He has been a member of the Board of Visitors of the theological seminary for over fifty years, and President of the Board for a number of years.

Dr. Kremer was truly a great and good man, and one of the most prominent traits in his character was his unselfishness. Thoughtful of others, he was ever ready to promote their comfort at the sacrifice of his own feelings. His love for his own church never conflicted with his high regard for other churches. He enjoyed the regard and confidence of the resident pastors of other churches to no ordinary degree. He was independent in his thought, but allowed to others the same freedom he claimed. He died as he lived, greatly beloved by all who knew him.

REV. AARON WANNER, D.D.

This aged servant of Christ was born June 11, 1819, in Skippack Township, Montgomery County, Pa. His parents being devoted members of the Reformed Church, he was baptized in early infancy, and brought up under strictly religious influences. At the age of nineteen he was confirmed. Shortly after that he went to Mercersburg and began his studies in Marshall College and Theological Seminary, and was examined and licensed by the Synod at Winchester, Va., October 17, 1843.

His first charge was in Bedford, now Fulton County, Pa., and known as the McConnellsburg charge. Here he labored faithfully for three years. He then removed to Ohio and became pastor of the Navarre charge, serving it eighteen months. His next field of labor was the Washingtonville charge, Ohio. After ten years he removed into the Germantown charge, Ohio, where he

labored four years. His next charge was Grindstone Hill, Franklin County, Pa., but he remained there only six months, when he returned to Germantown, Ohio, and for the second time served that charge. Five years later he entered a missionary field in and around Cumberland, Md. In a short time he organized three congregations in Cumberland, Mt. Savage, and Frostburg, Maryland.

In 1869 he accepted a call to Heidelberg Church, York, Pa., and also supplied Mt. Zion Church, near York. Here he labored six years, and then for six months was collecting agent for Ursinus College. His next field of labor was York Springs charge. He was a mere supply for one year, but subsequently he became pastor of it and served it six years. In 1882 he accepted a call to the Kreutz Creek charge, Mt. Zion Congregation having been added to it, and Freysville and Red Lion congregation—both organized by him—were also supplied by him. This charge he was serving at the time of his death.

Dr. Wanner was a hard worker. Eight new churches were built under his pastorate, and he organized ten congregations during a ministry of fifty years. He was well versed in ecclesiastical law, and exercised sound judgment in all matters of church polity. He also wrote two excellent books: the first, "Wanner on the Family;" the second, "The Road to Success." In 1879 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Ursinus College.

He was married to Miss Rebecca Miller, of Franklin County, Pa., September, 1844, who, with five children, survive him. He died June 3, 1894, aged 75 years and 19 days. Funeral services were held in the Trinity First Reformed Church, York. His remains were laid to rest in Prospect Hill Cemetery. His life was adorned with many virtues and Christian graces. He will be long and affectionately remembered by his co-laborers, and also by those unto whom he ministered in holy things.

REV. ALBERT R. THOMPSON.

The subject of this sketch was born in Blair County, Pa., February 10, 1851. He was baptized in infancy and confirmed October 24, 1869. He entered Ursinus College August 31, 1874, and after five years of study he was recommended by the Board of Directors to the Classis of Philadelphia, as an applicant for licensure. He was licensed June 9, 1879, and on October 5, 1879, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Hummelstown charge. Here he remained till April 1, 1881. His second pastorate was St. Paul's Church, Chester County, from May 4, 1881. His third pastorate was the Mt. Bethel charge, Northampton County, and dates from May 31, 1883. His fourth pastorate was the Rockingham charge, Va., and he was installed pastor over the same May 13, 1888. After severe and long-continued bodily suffering he departed this life at his late residence at Collegeville, Montgomery County Pa., June 22, 1894, aged 43 years, 4 months and 12 days, leaving behind a wife and seven children. Interment was made in the Trinity Reformed Church Cemetery, Collegeville, Pa.

REV. GEORGE W. WELKER, D.D.

This venerable servant of the Lord, the son of Daniel and Anna May Welker, was born November 3, 1817, near Greencastle, Pa. He was baptized by Rev. James R. Riley. He received his primary education in the schools of his native place. He entered Marshall College at Mercersburg, Pa., February 27, 1836, and completed his classical course September 25, 1839. On November 6, 1839, he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Mercersburg, and on September 29, 1841, he received regular dis-

mission from the Board of Visitors of that institution. He received and accepted a call from the Reformed congregations in Orange and Guilford Counties. He was licensed and ordained by the Classis of North Carolina, at Brick Church, March 27, 1842. He remained pastor of this charge 51 years. Dr. Welker was married three times. His first wife was Miss Abigail Mason, his second wife, Miss Louisa Mason, and his third wife, who is still living, was Miss Emily Jane Corsbie.

Dr. Welker was a scholarly man and an eloquent preacher. He was well and favorably known in the Reformed Church. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the trustees of the University of North Carolina June 15, 1870, and by Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio, June 23, 1871. As a preacher Dr. Welker was full of earnestness and zeal. His aim in preaching was to move and profit, rather than entertain and please, his congregations.

He was released from earth's toils and cares July 9, 1894, to enter into rest in the sweet embrace of his Master, whom he served for a full half century. He was aged 76 years, 8 months and 6 days. He was buried at Mt. Hope Church, near his home, July 11, 1894, where he peacefully rests sleeping in Jesus.

A. F. DREISBACH, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Resumption and Close.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to Rev. J. O. Miller, *pastor loci*, and the other Reformed pastors, and to the members of the Reformed Churches and other citizens of York, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of Synod.

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to read the foregoing resolution from their pulpits.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby returned to the management of the Pennsylvania, Western Maryland and Cumberland Valley Railroads for the favor of excursion rates granted to the members of Synod passing over those roads.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Adjournment.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, Frederick County, Md., Tuesday evening, October 22d, 1895, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 22d, at 9½ o'clock, with singing a hymn, repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

R. L. GERHART, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS. CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconfr'd	Rep-tiana.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Treasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Om. & Ten.	S. B. Sch's.	Stud. for Ministry.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Aaron Spangler, Reuben Rahnauer, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D. Phaon W. Snyder, Oliver P. Schellhamer, Aaron H. Leise, Isaac N. Peightel, Morgan A. Peters, Wm. H. Loose, Vacant, Vacant, Vacant,	First Re formed, York. Trinity, Without charge. Shrewsbury, Mt. Pleasant, Paradise, Dillsburg, Graces Reformed, Zion's Ch., York. Red Lion & Frys-ville, Krents Creek, Heidelberg, New Freedom,	1 7 4 3 4 4 1 1 2 3 1 1 1	370 567 765 114 980 288 212 550 67 318 359 52	110 284 620 130 585 167 106 295 50 288 175 20	20 56 43 75 75 8 13 48 6 23 15 1	6 1 11 5 5 3 2 12 3 3 2 1	30 25 52 64 9 9 13 12 15 3 13 4	3 4 15 9 9 22 6 3 216 16 6 50	320 469 625 95 900 186 186 385 67 216 281 50	5 5 4 2 4 1 1 8 3 33			10 15 18 31 6 2 25 7 9	2 10 15 11 8 4 1 8 1	490 438 310 210 890 36 22 30 152 30 72	2 2 2 1 1 1 3 6	\$2422 74 162 56 475 00 26 00 599 00 66 13 1711 77 165 00 455 00 437 00 22 00	\$1930 00 1010 00 1545 00 1305 00 3550 00 1350 00 1102 00 1800 00 50 00 714 00 1850 00 257 00	113 S. Duke St., York. Pa. 507 W. Market St., York, do 112 Strawberry St., Lancaster, do Shrewsbury, York County, do Red Lion, do do 413 W. Phila. St., York, do Dillsburg, York County, do N. Hartley St., York, do 411 W. Phila. St., York, do Red Lion, York County, do York, do New Freedom, York Co., do	
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Joseph W. Santee, D. D., George L. Slay, D. D., Edmund R. Reebach, D. D., William Goodrich, J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., Joel T. Rossiter, D. D., T. Franklin Hoffmeier, John G. Ness, Anthony Shulenberger, Conrad Clever, D. D., Silas M. Hench, Henry W. Hoffmeier, Jacob B. Kerchner, Louis F. Zinkhan, E. Raason Deatrlick, U. Henry Hellman, Barton R. Carnahan, Calvin S. Slagle, G. Albert Snyder, Adam S. Weber, George A. Whitmore, Newton J. Miller, A. Thomas G. Apple, Harry F. Dittmar, George W. Snyder, James R. Lewis, Charles W. Levan, Hiram J. McAllister, Alvill Conner, Charles A. Santee, William I. Stewart, Isaac M. Moter, Lloyd E. Corlitz, Samuel M. Roeder, Alfred M. Schaffner, William C. Sykes, Alexander Baileman, E. Otis Speasard,	Without charge, " " Evan. Ref. Ch., Fredk., Clear Spring, Zion Ch., Hagerstown, First Church, Middletown, Silver Run, Mt. Pleasant, Third Church, Ulitz, " " Prison Chaplain, Trinity, Mt. Moriah Without charge, Westminster, Christ Ch., Hagersta., Faith, Mechanistown, Without charge, Grace, Jefferson, Boonsboro, Sabillasville, St. Stephen's, Carroll, Glade, Cavetown, Christ, Manor, St. Paul's, Church of Incarnation Church of Incarnation Burrkittsville, Tan-y-town, Union Bridge, Fairview, " "	1 640 360 2 206 100 1 417 225 1 553 372 1 470 270 1 470 430 4 173 109 1 362 110 3 375 240 1 171 100 3 211 95 1 142 76 2 281 108 1 154 130 4 413 395 1 145 46 2 214 90 2 125 82 3 90 57 1 46 35 3 278 120 2 179 122 3 391 102 1 149 117 3 224 144 1 359 176 3 655 260 1 130 77 2 136 76 2 300 150 3 280 141 1 52 30	46 3 47 14 574 17 11 5 13 6 204 4 15 5 21 8 316 9 25 3 19 10 419 11 23 1 25 5 327 1 23 10 11 400 15 18 1 13 5 167 7 8 14 9 337 9 28 4 11 2 215 1 12 2 6 5 125 10 4 5 16 5 177 12 1 16 5 123 5 9 6 17 9 220 3 27 5 5 103 1 31 3 41 12 369 12 5 1 10 8 113 1 13 9 2 203 7 3 2 5 86 10 6 1 10 1 76 2 5 6 40 23 3 13 10 206 9 12 15 21 5 152 11 13 2 8 3 331 5 17 12 129 2 18 12 203 11 3 21 17 286 12 1 20 11 386 5 12 11 124 8 3 5 18 5 126 4 12 26 260 1 27 2 15 5 244 5 1 4 42	6 41 1 64 605 8 2 20 120 14 1 39 315 5 15 1 41 339 2 7 1 37 350 12 1 19 133 1 9 4 26 270 5 1 38 269 3 6 3 38 219 1 3 5 1 19 181 1 3 2 36 195 1 1 6 1 17 90 1 5 2 32 255 1 5 1 20 400 13 4 43 371 2 1 2 1 17 98 3 2 26 170 1 5 2 24 120 1 1 2 27 140 1 1 15 84 10 3 22 154 2 10 2 47 134 4 16 3 28 173 1 5 1 1 29 200 3 3 25 210 6 1 35 394 1 29 6 3 53 243 5 1 12 56 2 2 23 85 1 1 12 175 1 6 3 16 170 3 1 10 30	\$2821 00 \$3815 00 330 00 1055 00 965 00 7800 00 1117 00 2794 00 747 00 2794 00 1717 00 1150 00 561 00 1456 00 128 00 885 00 1200 00 3000 00 190 00 855 00 158 00 820 00 170 00 6005 00 180 00 2285 00 237 00 1684 00 133 00 834 00 256 00 865 00 181 00 1024 00 310 00 575 00 95 00 1033 00 53 00 710 00 18 00 11153 00 110 00 640 00 205 00 800 00 304 00 1136 00 132 00 1142 00 218 00 8364 00 571 00 2479 00 274 00 1557 00 86 00 887 00 62 00 626 00 114 00 820 00 36 00 1137 00 75 00	Cavetown, 1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., Frederick, do Clear Spring, 229 N. Potomac St., Hager's, do 822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, do Middletown, do Silver Run, do Mt. Pleasant, do 518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., do Frederick, do Middletown, do Emmitsburg, do 109 E. Pleasant St., Balt., do 342 8d Ave., Woodberry, do Jonestown, Pa. Keedysville, do Westminster, do Hagerstown, do 2424 E. Baltimore St., Balt., do Turmont, do Lancaster, Pa. 1405 15th St., N. W., Wash., D. C. Jefferson, do Boonsboro, do Sabillasville, do 330 E. 20th St., Baltimore, do Westminster, do Walkersville, do Cavetown, do 2117 Druid Hill Ave., Balt., do Adamstown, do 470 N. Carrollton Ave., Balt., do Manchester, do Emmitsburg, do Burrkittsville, do Taneytown, do Union Bridge, do Frederick, do														
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CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congrs.	Members.	Unconfr'd.	Infant Adm't.	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Brethren.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Off. & Treas.	S. S. Soci- ties.	Bind. for the Min'y.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.	
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William M. Destrict, D.D.,	Without charge,	2	505	215	19	15	30	13	440	8							\$25 00		Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Jacob Hassler, D. D.	Without charge,																		Fort London, do do
William C. Gremer,	Without charge,																		Chambersburg, do do
Franklin F. Bahner,	Waynesboro,																431 55	\$1450 00	Waynesboro, do do
G. W. Anglinbaugh, D.D.,	Without charge,																		Green village, do do
George B. Russell, D.D.,	Without charge,																		Zellinger, do do
Jonas B. Shonts,	2d Church, Chamb'g,	1	290	123	15	16	17	25	282	8	13	4	1	21	319		237 50	1730 94	Chambersburg, do do
Zwiggil A. Yearick,	Mercersburg,	2	341	147	5	6	17	10	298	10	7	2	28	190		463 90	1089 83	Mercersburg, do do	
Thughman R. Dietz,	Shippensburg,	1	228	80	1	2	8	11	207	6		6	1	19	194		279 84	1133 61	Shippensburg, Cumberland
Sefellen E. Stoffet,	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	225	180	32	4	10	5	175	3		7	2	27	225		339 70	1319 50	Waynesboro, Franklin
Irwin M. Beaver,	Grindstonehill,	2	401	171	22	41	67	14	366	7	1	15	2	35	275	1	178 00	1080 75	Marton do
George C. Erb,	McConnellsburg,	3	126	86	6		117	7		7		6	4	24	160		82 68	350 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton
Calvin U. Hellman,	Greencastle,	2	387	240	10	21	41	63	345	14		12	2	51	243		184 02	1080 94	Greencastle, Franklin
William C. Scheffer, Ph.D.	1st Ch., Chambersburg,*	1	460	335	10	10	22	6	370	4		4	1	28	315		1592 74	2128 57	Chambersburg, do do
George S. Gill,	London,*	3	206	90	9	2	8	6	177	4	2	5	3	27	175	1	131 15	650 00	Fort London, do do
"	St. Thomas,	4	180	96	9	6	11	2	147	6		4	4	23	174	1	70 80	575 90	St. Thomas, do do
"	Mont Alto,	3	133	62	4		3	4	104	2		1	2	18	105	1	72 06	2154 05	Mont Alto, do do
George R. Zacharias,	Disabled,																		Upper Strasburg, do do
David P. Lefever,	Without charge,																		Chambersburg, do do
John M. North,	Licentiate,																		Mercersburg, do do
Louis C. Summer,	"																		Shady Grove, do do
Wm. Mann Irvine, Ph.D.,	" Pres. M. Coll.																		Mercersburg, do do
Total, 20.		26	3482	1795	142	123	234	159	2958	87	16	82	26	341	2855	4	\$4093 85	\$14744 09	

*** Recently taken charge.**

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unord'd.	Rep- tants.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Kroom.	Resources.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. S. Sch's.	Stud. Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Inf'ts.	Adults.												Benef.	Cong.	
Wm. R. H. Deatrich,	New Bloomfield,	3	356	151	23	1	13	7	355	21			15	3	46	474	1	\$458 00	\$1320 00	Newport, Perry County, Pa.
J. David Miller,	Duncannon,	3	194	76	14	4	11	159	9			6	2	36	231	1	219 10	779 00	Marysville, Perry County, do	
Wm. H. Groh,	Salphur Spring,	4	204	102	5	1	2	1	161	8		2	3	21	130	2	200 07	652 16	Carlisle, Cumberland County, do	
Joseph W. Bell,	Newburg,	1	154	77	7		3	141	8				1	1	16	100	103 10	731 00	Newburg, Cumberland Co., do	
George A. House,	Landisburg,	4	401	259	23	3	12	3	317	12			3	4	46	341	3	2059 00	2059 00	Landisburg, Perry County, do
Samm'l P. Stauffer,	Zion's,	4	478	305	29	3	16	9	355	6			10	5	60	450	8	265 00	1961 00	Blain, Perry County, do
James M. Runkle,	Mechanicsburg,	1	243	108	5	5	13	2	183	4			4	1	22	155		260 69	1401 30	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, do
Vacant,	Carlisle,	1	311	158	5	4	18	8	276	5			7	1	23	190		368 00	2050 00	Carlisle, Cumberland County, do
Solomon B. Schafer,	Without charge,																			Martinsburg, Blair County, do
Milton H. Groh,	Without charge,																			Columbus, Ohio.
Sam'l N. Callender, D.D.	Sec'y B'd For'n Missions.																			Mechanicsburg, Cumberland, Pa.
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CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregants.	Members.	Members unconfirmed.	Baptisms		Confirmed.	By Certif. or Renew. Prof.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Treasurers.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Studies for Min.	Contributions.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.												Benef.	Congl. Purp.	
Freder'k A. Rupley, D.D.,	Without charge.	3 346	104		19	5	18	3 314	8			4	3	3	47	211		\$145 00	\$800 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
William A. Long,	Hickory Bottom,	2 326	163		14	2	20	6 307	3				8	2	32	187	1	252 10	1010 00	do do
John W. Pontius,	Martinsburg,	1 172	70		7	1	8	1 150	13			1	2	1	17	130		192 00	1129 00	do do
Freighton Gerhart,	Bedford,	3 289	187		11	5	23	1 250	6				6	3	32	217		198 00	783 00	Bedford Co., do
W. C. Stover,	Dunning's Creek,	1 284	95		7	5	18	26 238	5			2	5	1	27	217	1	376 00	1788 00	Cesna, do do
S. May,	Huntingdon,	3 332	204		11	1	18	20 291	11				13	6	1	9	100	160 00	677 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., do
M. Moyer,	Salphur Springs,	1 522	246		30	4	13	43 455	7			39	14	2	20	310		469 00	2494 79	Mann's Choice, do do
J. Strook,	Altoona (Christ's),	5 429	291		25	9	28	17 402	14	1		11	13	5	73	406	1	118 00	1157 00	James Creek, Altoona, do do
J. Waugaman,	Woodcock Valley,	4 522	649		55	11	47	6 390	4			1	16	5	41	403		316 00	723 00	Claysburg, Blair Co., do
W. G. Hatrick,	Schellsburg,	3 206	162		20	2	9	2 197	10	1		5	5	2	17	100		111 00	563 00	Schellsburg, Bedford Co., do
Edward W. Stonebraker,	Yellow Creek,	2 195	114		15	1	9	10 158				3	8	2	33	197		385 00	700 00	Loysburg, do do
Ambrose C. Geary,	Friend's Cove,	3 200	175		12	7	30	9 175	2				8	3	38	100		150 00	1062 00	St. Clairsville, do do
Thomas N. Reber,	St. Clairsville,	3 335	208		9	2	18	1 257	9			1	5	1	24	241	3	501 00	1252 00	do do
Harry E. Jones,	McConnellstown,	3 319	76		21	18	50	26 313	17			8	3	33	220	2	213 00	437 00	McConnellst'n, Hunt'don Co., do	
William H. Landis,	Orbisonia,	3 84	55		8	3	12	5 73	7			3	5	2	18	110		39 00	2223 00	Orbisonia, do do
Lewis Robb,	Trin. Miss., Altoona	1 284	150		10	3	16	17 256	3			20	4	1	29	330		205 00	1391 00	611 8th Street, Altoona, do do
Eugene L. McLean,	Everett,	2 127	85		6	8	15	5 110	4				2	1	18	130		191 00	154 88	Everett, Bedford Co., do do
Louis C. Harnish,	Clear Ridge,	3 94	40		15	11	26	5 84	1				3	2	17	139	1	23 00		Clearville, do do
Freder'k A. Rupley, Jr.,	Water Street,	3 419	283		20	1	2	309					6	2	31	275		91 61		Alexandria, Huntingdon Co., do
Total, 19.		49 5185	3379		305	98	379	242 4929	123	2		103	126	42	556	4023	9	\$4135 71	\$19044 67	

* Installed since the meeting of Classis.

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Cong.	Members.	Unconf'd.	Baptisms	Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communi- cants.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Treasures.	Deaths.	S. Schools.	S. S. Sch's.	Min. Stud.	Contributions.	Post-Office Address.	
					Inf'ts.	Adults.										Benev. Purp's.	Conf'l Purp's.	
John Gantenbein, D. D.,	Without charge,	3	94	86	6		5	3	72	2			3	80		\$15 00	\$300 00	Portland, Oregon.
Jacob Mühlhaupt,	Salem, Seio, Mt. Pleasant,	1	28	38	3		2	20					1	36		12 00	97 00	352 Marion St., Salem, Oregon.
Gottfried Graedel,	Ballard,			98	8		4	40					1	53		10 00	215 00	Ballard, Washington.
Herman Liesmann,	West Union,	1	64	31	3		8	11	35	27			1	23		32 00		Glencoe, Oregon.
Rudolph Staub,	{ St. Peters,	2	{ 51	18	2			18					1	12		12 00	188 00	Mink, Clackamas Co., Oregon.
Jacob G. Schmid,	{ St. Johannes,	2	{ 32	25	9			16					1	12			120 00	Mink, Clackamas Co., Oregon.
John G. Bieget,	Astoria and Stelle,	1	25	12	6		2	24	4				3	47		26 00	115 00	276 Kensington Av., Astoria, Ore.
Theodore Wartmann,	1st Ref. Ger., Seattle,	1	100	110	30		9	80					1	60		15 00	300 00	1316 Seventh St., Seattle, Wash.
Adolf H. Baumann,	Portland,	1	71	48	4		12	38					1	33		66 00	287 00	10th & Stark Sts., Portland, Ore.
Gottlieb Hafner,	Meridian,	1	16	8			1	8					1	9		49 00	75 00	Wilsonville, Clackamas Co., Ore.
Vacant, no report,	Washougal,	1																Washougal, Washington.
Vacant, no report,	Napa, Cal.,	1																
	Stockton, Cal.,	1																
Total, 10.		15	499	474	71		24	33	351	33			11	7	12	\$237 00	\$2207 00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY. **Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.**

CLASSES.	Minist'rs.		Congregations.		Members.		Unconfrmed Members.		Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Certificate.		Communi- cants.		Dismissed.		Excom-m'nd.		Mar- riages of Names.		Deaths.		Sunday School.		Officers and Teachers.		Sunday School Scholars.		Students for the Holy Ministry.		Contributions.	
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Zion's,	10	32	4,642	2,810	315	38	237	85	3,770	32	38	123	46	270	4,036	6	\$6,642 21	\$10,613 00																
Maryland,	40	61	8,875	4,945	517	63	479	259	7,329	194	83	235	55	910	6,764	15	11,982 00	70,460 00																
Mercersburg,	20	26	3,482	1,795	142	123	234	159	2,958	87	16	82	26	341	2,555	4	4,098 88	14,744 09																
Virginia,	18	31	2,328	1,120	109	38	141	75	1,865	27	4	43	24	1,773	5	2,346 98	9,302 57																	
North Carolina,	17	38	2,329	1,670	147	18	138	57	2,246	30	43	23	30	2,029	4	846 00	8,198 00																	
Gettysburg -	16	29	5,444	3,714	300	99	222	143	4,795	85	12	137	25	319	2,873	10	4,610 00	16,750 00																
Carlisle -	10	21	2,341	1,236	106	11	78	44	1,947	60	2	49	20	270	2,077	7	2,122 86	10,933 99																
Junata,	19	49	5,185	3,379	306	98	379	202	4,929	123	103	126	42	556	4,023	9	4,135 71	19,049 00																
Portland-Oregon,	10	15	499	474	71	24	33	33	351	33	11	7	17	365	6	237 00	2,207 00																	
Total, -	160	302	35,625	21,143	2,012	418	1,932	1,057	30,163	671	3	825	283	2,666	26,785	60	\$39,068 64	\$158,228 65																
Eastern Synod,	268	508	91,648	50,260	5,608	584	4,174	2,614	74,696	1,306	1,301	2,490	620	7,709	69,514	117	\$140,726 00	\$391,404 00																
Synod of Ohio,	115	223	21,011	5,890	714	664	1,442	949	17,031	494	4	736	342	2,401	19,381	29	16,921 86	118,432 93																
Synod of Pittsburgh,	72	164	17,103	9,609	1,000	135	734	745	13,604	431	317	324	117	697	10,372	10	20,166 44	65,601 69																
Synod of the North West,	142	214	20,016	13,737	1,832	29	1,233	954	14,198	244	5	510	186	1,100	10,602	35	14,487 00	92,366 00																
German Synod of the East,	53	53	13,616	9,936	2,159	14	717	926	10,687	103	1	697	445	51	10,711	11	9,390 00	78,493 00																
Central Synod,	80	116	19,588	11,447	1,281	65	899	910	14,846	258	6	479	390	1,450	11,850	23	13,958 00	98,066 00																
Synod of the Interior,	48	66	2,866	1,311	156	60	158	183	2,101	74	142	67	52	408	3,015	6	3,263 24	15,033 30																
Grand Total, 8 Dir't Synods; 55 Classes,	938	1,646	221,473	123,353	14,762	1,909	11,289	6,238	176,828	3,576	19	4,499	5,393	1,610	16,431	162,230	291	\$257,949 26	1,017,625 57															

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Elders:—Edward A. Shriner, Frisby J. Davis, William Roulette, John T. Brown, John Gassman,¹ Calvin A. Thomas,¹ H. Milton Kefauver,² Josiah B. Zimmerman,² Samuel C. Thomas²¹ and Atvill Conner, Sr.⁶

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—William C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., George C. Erb, Zwingli A. Yearick, Jonas B. Shontz, Franklin F. Bahner² and Henry N. Bassler.⁴

Elders:—Samuel Hoeslich, Andrew R. Schnebly and Casper Wicke¹.

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—George G. Everhart, Calvin B. Heller, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Albert B. Bauman, James B. Stonesifer² and J. Philip Harner.

Elders:—Daniel S. Rentch, James H. Myers, Americus J. Souder,^{2†} Richard L. Gray,^{4†} Henry W. Roller,^{4†} and John E. Roller.^{5†}

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers: Andrew H. Smith,² and Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.⁴

VI.—From Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—Peter E. Heimer,¹ Walter E. Krebs, George B. Resser,¹ George P. Stem, Franklin A. Guth² and John C. Bowman, D. D.

Elders:—Charles P. Gettier,⁴ M. D., Conard Meyers,² George Wolf,²¹ and Jacob N. Slagle.²¹

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—George A. House,² Miles O. Noll, Samuel P. Stauffer¹ and J. David Miller.

Elders:—George Hoobach, Samuel Crist and Lewis B. Kerr.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—Edward W. Stonebraker, William A. Long, Ph. D., Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., Simon U. Waugaman, Samuel C. Stover, Titus C. Strock and John F. Moyer.²⁵

Elders:—Jacob L. Weber,¹ Robert C. Smith, John H. Stephens,¹ Jackson L. Grove, Franklin T. Crist¹ and John Brewster.

XI.—From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. Hiram J. Macalister occupied the seat of Rev. C. A. Santee during the first two sessions, and that of Rev. C. W. Levan the last session. Rev. Joel T. Rossiter was admitted to the seat of Rev. J. S. Kieffer during the first three sessions. Rev. G. S. Gill occupied the seat of Rev. F. F. Bahner the first two sessions. Rev. W. M. Deatrick occupied the seat of Rev. H. N. Bassler during the first three sessions, and was admitted to the seat of Rev. G. C. Erb the last session. Rev. J. J. Barkley occupied the seat of Rev. W. E. Krebs during several sessions.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis:—Revs. Joel T. Rossiter, D. D., William I. Stewart, Hiram J. Macalister, Conrad Clever, D. D., William Goodrich, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, James R. Lewis, Christopher Noss, William C. Sykes, Kenny O. Spessard, Calvin S. Slagle, Lloyd E. Coblentz and Henry F. Dittmar.

Mercersburg Classis:—Revs. William M. Deatrick, D. D. and George S. Gill.

Virginia Classis:—Revs. Thomas K. Cromer and Nehemiah H. Skyles.

Gettysburg Classis:—Revs. Thomas J. Barkley, D. D., Francis S. Lindaman and Edward D. Miller.

Carlisle Classis:—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D. D.

Juniata Classis:—Rev. Henry E. Jones.

Portland-Oregon Classis:—Rev. John Gantenbein, D. D.

Eastern Synod:—Revs. Cyrus Cort, D. D., David N. Dittmar, Charles G. Fisher, D. D., James I. Good, D. D., William E. Hoy, John G. Noss, John S. Stahr, D. D., Adam C. Whitmer, Thomas M. Yundt and George M. Zacharias.

Pittsburgh Synod:—Revs. Peter C. Prugh, D. D., and Lewis T. Lampe.

Ohio Synod:—Rev. William C. B. Shulenberger.

German Synod of the East:—Rev. Herman Bielfeld.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Revs. Dr. Beale, of the Presbyterian Church; Luther Kuhlman and G. H. Hasskarl, of the Lutheran Church; J. H. Marsh, A. H. Zimmerman, J. C. Hawk and F. J. Wagoner, of the Methodist Church; and J. W. Owen and C. W. Stinespring, of the United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE III.

Election of Officers.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, *President*, Chambersburg, Pa.

Rev. G. B. Reaser, *Vice-President*, Hanover, Pa.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. A. B. Bauman, *Corresponding Secretary*, Tom's Brook, Va.

Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Reading Clerk*, Keedysville, Md.

Elder Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

Rules of Order.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House*.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

Standing Committees.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, S. M. Hench, A. Conner, and Elders E. A. Shriner and C. A. Thomas.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrlick, A. Spangler, I. M. Motter, and Elders L. B. Kerr and J. H. Stephens.

Overtures.—Revs. Z. A. Yearick, G. A. Whitmore, J. B. Stoncifer, and Elders H. Inners and J. T. Brown.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. B. R. Carnahan, A. T. G. Apple, G. P. Stem, and Elders J. H. Myers and G. Hoobach.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. O. Miller, J. B. Shontz, M. O. Nell, and Elders C. Wicke and J. L. Grove.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. A. T. G. Apple, F. A. Rupley, G. G. Everhart, and Elders D. S. Rentch and J. T. Brown.

Education.—Rev. J. C. Bowman, G. B. Resser, E. R. Deatrlick, and Elders A. R. Schnebly and S. Hoefflich.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. S. C. Stover, G. A. Snyder, G. A. House, and Elders R. A. Paules and W. Roulette.

Missions.—Revs. C. W. Levan, J. D. Miller, C. B. Heller, and Elders F. J. Davis and J. Gassman.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. W. E. Krebs, A. H. Smith, S. P. Stauffer, and Elders S. Crist and J. Brewster.

Publication.—Revs. F. F. Bahner, S. U. Waugaman, A. B. Bauman, and Elders J. L. Weber and C. P. Gettier.

Finance.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, E. W. Stonebraker, T. C. Strock, and Elders J. B. Zimmerman and H. M. Kefauver.

Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, G. B. Resser, G. P. Stem, and Elders J. N. Slagle and C. P. Gettier.

Nominations.—Revs. C. A. Santee, J. O. Miller, G. C. Erb, and Elders A. J. Souder and G. Wolf.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. F. C. Yost, G. S. Gill, W. A. Long, and Elders J. N. Slagle and A. R. Schnebly.

ARTICLE VI.

Communications.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables,

which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The annual reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

Religious Services.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services:

Wednesday Evening.—Foreign Missions Services. The President of Synod to preside, assisted in the devotional services by Rev. S. N. Callender.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

1. Usual evening service. 2. Address by Rev. Wm. E. Hoy. 3. Hymn. 4. Ordination of licentiate Christopher Noss by the committee of the Maryland Classis, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. T. Rossiter, and C. S. Slagle, together with Rev. John G. Noss, father of the candidate. 5. Charge to the missionary by Rev. Dr. J. I. Good, President of the Board of Foreign Missions. 6. Address by Missionary Christopher Noss.

Thursday Evening.—A meeting in the interest of general Church Work. Devotional services by Rev. M. O. Noll. 1. Address, subject: "Characteristics of the Reformed Church in the United States," by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.

2. Address, subject: "Lines of Aggressive Work for our Church," by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins. 3. Address, subject: "Ministerial Relief Society—Its Claims upon the Members of the Church," by Rev. J. D. Miller.

Friday Evening.—Educational meeting. Devotional services by Rev. J. C. Clapp. 1. Address, subject: "The Claims of Higher Education on our people," by Rev. J. S. Stahr, President of Franklin and Marshall College. 2. Address, subject: "The Undeveloped Resources of the Church," by Rev. J. C. Bowman.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory services. Liturgical service by Revs. W. M. Deatrack and Z. A. Yearick. Sermon by Rev. G. B. Resser.

Saturday evening.—Sunday-school meeting. Devotional services by Rev. G. P. Stem. 1. Address, subject: "The Relation of Bible Study to the Power and Usefulness of the Church," by Rev. J. B. Shontz. 2. Address, subject: "The Sunday-school; how it can be made more effective," by Rev. C. B. Heller. 3. Address, subject: "The Form and Power of Church Membership," by Rev. F. F. Bahner.

Sunday Morning.—Holy Communion. Liturgical services by Revs. J. S. Kieffer and J. O. Miller. Sermon by the President of Synod.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school services. Addresses by Revs. J. C. Clapp, A. C. Whitmer and J. S. Kieffer.

Sunday Evening 6.30 o'clock.—Reformed Guild meeting. Addresses by Revs. Z. A. Yearick and C. A. Santee.

Sunday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.—Home Missions Anniversary. Devotional services by Rev. J. O. Miller. 1. Address, subject: "How to awaken and maintain an intelligent interest in Missions," by Rev. C. W. Levan. 2. Address, subject: "The Denominational Spirit—how far shall it be promoted?" by Rev. G. B. Resser. 3. Address, subject: "The present condition of our Home Missionary Work—its prospects and needs," by Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. J. B. Shontz in the morning, and Rev. M. O. Noll in the evening.

St. James Lutheran Church.—Rev. A. B. Bauman in the morning, and Rev. H. J. Macalister in the evening.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. F. C. Yost in the morning and Rev. G. A. Snyder in the evening.

Methodist Episcopal Church, South.—Rev. A. H. Smith in the morning, and Rev. G. G. Everhart in the evening.

United Brethren Church.—Rev. J. P. Harner in the morning, and Rev. W. A. Long in the evening.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. M. A. Peters in the morning, and Rev. G. P. Stem in the evening.

Respectfully submitted.

E. R. ESCHBAUGH, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

Minutes of Synod.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday forenoon, this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the Printed Minutes were referred for examination, after a careful inspection of them, begs leave to report the following items as claiming, in our judgment, the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. A Standing Committee on Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund is appointed, whose duty is to report to the present sessions of the Synod, of which committee Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 2, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed to report at the present meeting of the Synod, of which committee Rev. J. W. Santee is chairman.

Item 3, page 29. The Classes are urged to fully meet their apportionments for Beneficiary Education.

Item 4, page 29. The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College is instructed to submit to Synod annually a properly audited summarized statement of the receipts and expenditures of said institution.

Item 5, page 29. The Special Committee to raise funds to cancel the indebtedness of Mercersburg College, appointed by the Synod at Hanover, Pa., in 1890, is again continued.

Item 6, page 30. The several Classes that have contributed towards the fund for theological teaching in connection with Catawba College, N. C., are requested to turn the same over to the Trustees of said institution, for the use of its General Endowment Fund.

Item 7, page 31. A Commission is appointed to act with similarly appointed committees of the three other English Synods in reorganizing Calvin College at Cleveland, Ohio, in accordance with a certain specified plan, as proposed by the Erie Classis.

Item 8, page 33. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose term of service will expire during the present month, and one also to fill the place of Rev. C. U. Heilman, recently deceased, for the term of two years.

Item 9, page 33. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education in place of those whose term of office will terminate with the present meeting of Synod.

Item 10, page 33. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., in place of the one whose term of service will end December 31st.

Item 11, page 39. The Synod urges upon the Classes the importance of raising special Church Building Funds.

Item 12, page 40. The Classes are asked to urge the payment of the Foreign Mission appointments in full, etc.

Item 13, page 40. The report of the Special Committee to assist in organizing the Synodical Missionary Society was recommitted with instructions, and the committee is directed to report to the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 14, page 40. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect a member of the Synodical Board of Missions, to fill the place of the one whose term of service is about to expire.

Item 15, page 43. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian Missions, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Calvin College, English Mission Church of Chicago, and Church Building.

Item 16, page 43. Arrearages are noted as existing on apportionments for Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Mercersburg College, Harbor Missions, Church Extension in Baltimore, Theological Seminary, and Beneficiary Education.

Item 17, page 45. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod in place of Elder George N. Forney, whose term of service

will terminate on the 1st of next January, agreeable to the Charter, and also one to fill the position of Rev. J. G. Noss, who has removed beyond the bounds of this Synod.

Item 18, page 47. The Classes are requested heartily to commend the Sunday-school work to their pastors, consistories and people, etc.

Item 19, page 47. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod, and one also to fill the place of Rev. R. L. Gerhart, who has removed beyond our bounds into another Synod.

Item 20, page 49. The Stated Clerk is directed to have twenty five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 21, page 49. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect a member of the Board of Publication to fill the place of Elder S. Hoefflich, whose term of service will soon expire.

Item 22, page 52. The special attention of the Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7, see Article XIII., Education; on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; the action contained in item 4 was reiterated; items 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 19 and 21 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the required nominations; on items 11, 12 and 13, see Article XIV., Missions; on 15 and 16, see Article XV., Finance; on item 18, see Article X., Minutes of Classes; on item 20, see Article XX., Publication; and on item 22, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

Overtures.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals which was received and acted on item by item, amended, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

1. A communication from Rev. T. J. Barkley, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, informing Synod of the fact, that the term of office of Rev. A. C. Whitmer, as Superintendent of Missions for the Synod of the Potomac and Eastern Synod will expire September 30, 1896, and that the nomination of a suitable person to fill the office should be made at the present meeting of the Synod.

2. A communication from the Pittsburg Synod concerning, first, the propriety of equalizing the salaries of our professors in the Theological Seminary; and, second, an overture to this Synod, asking that a committee of three be appointed to act in coöperation with similar committees of the Eastern and Pittsburg Synods, in selecting sites for houses for the professors in the Seminary.

3. A communication from the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University, furnishing a statement of the present financial condition of said institution.

4. A communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid, of Portland-Oregon Classis, in which he asks, first, to be excused for his non-attendance as a delegate to this body from said Classis; and, second, that the Synod come to the aid of the Classis, whose mission fields have been abandoned by the Board of Missions.

5. The annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

6. An overture from the delegates of the North Carolina Classis in behalf of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, asking that the Synod reconsider and reverse its action taken last year in regard to the Theological Professorship in connection with said College.

7. A statement by the President of Franklin and Marshall College setting forth the work and condition of said institution for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. A. YEABICK, *Chairman*.

The action of Synod on the report is as follows: On item 1 and 4, see Article XIV., Missions; on 2, 6 and 7, see Article XIII., Education; on items 3 and 5, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous. Rev. J. G. Schmid was, on motion, excused for his non-attendance.

ARTICLE X.

Minutes of Classes.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

None.

II. REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. Zions Classis requests the Synod to exonerate her from paying arrearages to Mercersburg College and Harbor Missions, and to erase the amount of arrearages for Beneficiary Education.

2. Mercersburg Classis overtures the Synod of the Potomac to consider the propriety of reducing the representation of the delegations from the Classes.

3. North Carolina Classis asks to be excused from paying arrearage to Harbor Missions, etc.

4. The same Classis overtures Synod and asks "that any arrearages on their part be excused."

5. Gettysburg Classis recommends, to the favorable consideration of the Synod, certain action taken by said Classis, requesting the Faculty of the Theological Seminary to give an Annual Statement concerning each student for the Holy Ministry in attendance.

6. The same Classis calls attention to the delinquency of the 2nd Hanover Charge on assessments for contingent expenses of Synod.

7. Juniata Classis overtures this Synod as follows: "*Resolved*, That we ask the Synod of the Potomac to give us the privilege to manage our own Beneficiary Educational matters, on the condition that we report annually to the Board of Education."

8. Portland-Oregon Classis requests Synod to grant it permission hereafter to devote the apportionments to its own mission work.

9. Virginia Classis overtures Synod to publish the statistics of the individual congregations, as well as the totals of the several charges in the printed minutes of Synod.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

None.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

10. Zion's Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod, except those noticed under "Requests and Recommendations."

11. Maryland Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod, except on the Church Building Fund—circumstances prevent entering at once upon the work of raising such a fund; and the six cents per member was left optional.

12. Mercersburg Classis took favorable action on all the recommendations of Synod with the exception of the apportionment for the Theological Seminary and \$50.00 of the amount for Beneficiary Education.

13. Virginia Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod, except with reference to the amount contributed to the Theological Professorship in Catawba College. The following action was taken: *Resolved*, that we respectfully decline the request of Synod in the disposition of the amount contributed, * * * and that the Treasurer of Synod is instructed to pay back to the Treasurer of Classis the amount paid on apportionment for North Carolina Professorship.

14. North Carolina Classis took favorable action on the following reference by Synod:

Assumes the amounts apportioned for Contingent Expenses but declined to apportion the amounts referred to it by Synod for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian Missions, Theological Seminary, English Mission Church at Chicago, Church Building, and asks to be excused from paying arrears on Harbor Mission.

15. Gettysburg Classis took favorable action on all matters referred to it.

16. Carlisle Classis took favorable action on all matters referred, except the one cent per member from the Sunday-school for the support of the General Sunday-school Board, etc.

Special action was taken in reply to request of Synod to turn over to Trustees of Catawba College the amount contributed by it for the North Carolina Professorship, as follows: *Resolved*, That the funds contributed for this purpose by this Classis shall be placed to the credit of the charges contributing, for any object they may designate.

17. Juniata Classis took favorable action on all matters referred by Synod, except the six cents per member for Church Building.

18. Portland-Oregon Classis took favorable action on arrearages, apportionments, and all recommendations of last Synod.

V. LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

19. Zion's Classis licensed George W. Welsh and dismissed him to the Gettysburg Classis; received licentiates Hiram J. Hillegeass from the Tohickon Classis and Gurney Weber from the West Susquehanna Classis, and ordained them to the Holy Ministry; received Rev. Gideon P. Fisher from the Lancaster Classis of the Ohio Synod, Rev. Francis C. Yost from the Philadelphia Classis and Rev. Charles P. Kehl from the Wyoming Classis; and dismissed Rev. Alfred F. Dreisbach to the Maryland Classis, Rev. Phaon W. Snyder to the Lancaster Classis of the Ohio Synod, and Rev. Wm. H. Loose to the Wyoming Classis.

20. Maryland Classis licensed Frederick W. Bald, Henry W. Wissler and F. J. Emil Muehe, and dismissed the last named to the Allegheny Classis; ordained the licentiate Christopher Noos to the Gospel Ministry; received

Rev. Alfred F. Dreisbach from Zion's Classis, and Rev. Simon S. Miller from the Clarion Classis; and dismissed Rev. U. Henry Heilman to the Lebanon Classis, Revs. John G. Noss and Newton J. Miller to the Lancaster Classis, of the Eastern Synod, and Rev. Alfred M. Schaffner to St. Paul's Classis.

21. Mercersburg Classis licensed and ordained Lewis P. Krome, ordained licentiate Henry N. Bassler upon receiving him from East Susquehanna Classis; dismissed Rev. David P. Lefever to the Schuylkill Classis, Rev. Sefellen E. Stofflet to the Wyoming Classis, and Rev. Lewis P. Krome to the Iowa Classis.

22. Virginia Classis received Eugene P. Skyles from Westmoreland Classis and licensed the same; ordained licentiate Jacob S. Garrison; received Rev. Abram D. Wolfinger from Lancaster Classis, Ohio Synod; dismissed Rev. William A. Korn to the Philadelphia Classis, licentiate Eugene P. Skyles to the Somerset Classis, Rev. Thomas K. Cromer to the Juniata Classis and Rev. Henry Tallhelm to the United Brethren Church.

23. North Carolina Classis dismissed Rev. Jesse Richards to the Tiffin Classis.

24. Gettysburg Classis received licentiate George W. Welsh from Zion's Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry.

25. Carlisle Classis licensed Harvey I. Crow, and dismissed the same to St. Paul's Classis; and received the Rev. Miles O. Noll from West Susquehanna Classis.

26. Juniata Classis received Rev. Charles H. Slinghoff from the Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, Rev. Irwin W. Hendricks from the West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. Charles E. Creitz from the East Pennsylvania Classis; and dismissed Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart to the West Susquehanna Classis, and Rev. Thomas N. Reber to the Lehigh Classis.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

27. Zion's Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Glen Rock, York County, Pa., May 12th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. O. P. Schellhamer, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

28. Maryland Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md., May 6th, A. D. 1896, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. S. Weber, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

29. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Fort Loudon, Franklin County, Pa., May 7th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. G. B. Russell, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer*.

30. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Roanoke, Va., May 6th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. L. Reiter, *President*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer*.

31. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Conover, Catawba County, N. C., May 6th, A. D. 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. A. Foil, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

32. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Stone Church, Jefferson Charge, York County, Pa., May 7th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. G. P. Stem, *President*; and Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer*.

33. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Newport, Perry County, Pa., May 14th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. P. Stauffer, *President*; and Rev. J. David Miller, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer*.

34. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Marklesburg, Huntingdon County, Pa., May 14th, A. D. 1896, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Rev. A. C. Geary, *President*; and Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk*, and *Treasurer*.

35. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Salem,

Oregon, May 28th, A. D. 1896, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. G. Grädel, *President*; Rev. J. G. Schmid, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder Fr. Köllermeier, *Treasurer*.
Respectfully submitted,

B. R. CARNAHAN, *Chairman*.

The requests in item 1 were granted. Action on item 2 was laid on the table until the next annual meeting of the Synod. The requests in items 3 and 4 were granted. Item 5 was approved and adopted. The matter in item 6 was referred back to the Classis for action. The overature in item 7 was refused. The request in item 8 was granted. The request in item 9 was not granted. The other items of the Report were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:—We have carefully studied the reports which the several Classes have sent up, telling of the condition of the churches under their respective pastoral supervision. The consensus of these reports reveals such a condition of health and vigor, of activity and aggressiveness, as must give cause for devout thanksgiving to God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The steady life-currents have been pulsating throughout the body spiritual, and its vital functions have gone forward in a normal way. By the regular preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments the Divine-human life that is in the head and in the members has been carried to all within its influence. With but few exceptions the charges are well supplied with pastors, and between pastors and people there exists such mutual support and sympathy as is calculated to foster a full and free development of the Christian graces. Special note is made of the fact that the young are receiving increased attention by catechetical instruction, and that thus the Church continues true to her apostolic methods, derived from earliest times and tested again and again—in Antioch and Alexandria, in Zürich and Geneva, in the Palatinate, and throughout the churches of our own beloved land.

The work of the Sunday-school is everywhere reported as in a healthful and growing condition. Not only is attention being given more and more to the instruction of the children, but we believe there is greater industry in Biblical study on the part of both old and young.

During the Classical year closed last spring, one of the most distressing waves of financial depression experienced in years swept over the country. It is a fact for special congratulation that, though hard pressed during this trying time, our congregations, with but few exceptions, came up to, and, in some cases, went considerably beyond, the measure of the offerings of former years. Besides this new churches have been built and new interests have been organized. In this connection might also be noted the part which the people took in relieving the embarrassment of our foreign mission work, notwithstanding the stringency of the times. We take this to be a most significant indication that our people, under wise and liberal pastoral guidance, are growing in a knowledge of the needs of the Church, and in the grace of giving to the meeting of these needs.

It is with gratitude we record the encouraging outlook for the educational work of the Synod. With a school at Mercersburg for the preparation of young men for a course in college or for a business life, and a school in Frederick for the higher education of woman, each with a very remarkable showing considering the very short time of their present respective administrations, we are more fully equipped than ever for the Christian education of the young men and women of the land.

At the same time that there is much to give us cause to "thank God and take courage," there are shadows as well as lights in the picture. In parts of the Synod, at least, our pastors labor under discouragements and heavy burdens, and everywhere the powers of the Satanic kingdom in protean form and through myriad instrumentalities continue to oppose unhallowed impediments to the Kingdom of Christ. But while there may not have been the degree of spiritual growth which the pastors may have desired; while there may have been discouraging manifestations of the powers of sin in the human heart; while there may have been times when the wheels of progress turned slow because of failure here and there to rise to the opportunity; nevertheless these are but the remnants of the enemy—the Jebusite in Jerusalem, the tolerated Gibeonite, and the Canaanite still dwelling in the land—and are but the more emphatic challenge to the Church to unite all her forces and summon all her instrumentalities, that she may be the more ready to go forward under the leadership of Him who overcame Satan in the Wilderness, on Calvary, and through the rended tomb; and trusting alone in the inspiration of the eternal Spirit to advance from victory to victory.

Respectfully submitted,

A. THOS. G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XIII.

Education.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave to submit the following annual report, for the year ending October 1st, 1895.

The organization of the Board remains the same as at last annual report to the Synod, namely, Rev. William C. Cremer, *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*; and Rev. William M. Deatruck, *Treasurer*.

The Board held two meetings during the year; one at York, Pa., last October at the close of the meeting of the Synod, when the organization for the year was effected; and the annual meeting at Chambersburg, Pa., on the third of last month, when the appropriations to the beneficiary students were made, and other necessary business transacted.

The operations of the Board have gone forward during the past year, with the usual degree of prosperity and success, notwithstanding the financial depression that has prevailed to a greater or less extent in all sections of our country. As a Board we have reason for devout gratitude to our gracious Heavenly Father for His favor and blessing upon the work committed to us by the Synod. Only one of our beneficiary students, namely, Lewis P. Krome, completed his theological course of training for the Gospel Ministry, graduating from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., last May. In June he was examined, licensed and ordained to the work of the Holy Ministry by the Mercersburg Classis, at its annual meeting, and for the three months past he has been laboring in one of the mission charges of the Iowa Classis.

Twenty-five young men have been aided in their studies by funds from the treasury of the Board during the past year, in amounts ranging from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars, amounting in the aggregate to \$3,085.00. Two of them have been dropped from the roll of beneficiary students as no longer entitled to assistance, and one has been allowed to intermit his studies, for the time being, in consequence of impaired health. Five young men were enrolled as beneficiary students under our care and supervision, at our late meeting in Chambersburg, namely, John H. Dietrich and Aaron M. Gluck, at the request of the Mercersburg Classis; Stewart Cramer, at that of the Maryland Classis; Robert L. Bair, at that of the Gettysburg Classis; and George W. Shaw, at that of the Juniata Classis. Twenty-seven beneficiaries, therefore, are on our roll at present, who hold their Classical connections as follows: Maryland Classis, seven; Juniata Classis, five; Gettysburg Classis, five; Carlisle Classis, five; Mercersburg Classis, four; and Virginia Classis, one. They are J. Calvin Bolger, William E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner and David J. Wolf, *Seminary Seniors*; Charles A. Bushong, Frederick Cromer, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Theodore C. Hesson, Ezra D. Lantz and James M. Mullan, *Seminary Middlers*; John W. Gilda, Moses A. Kieffer and Nevin L. Weidner, *College Seniors*; Scott R. Wagner, *College Junior*; John S. Heffner, William A. Kepner and John K. McKee, *College Sophomores*; and Robert L. Bair, Stewart Cramer, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, Joseph E. Guy, George W. Potter, George W. Shaw and John H. Smith, less far advanced in their studies. The appropriations voted by the Board to the foregoing named young men, for the present scholastic year, amount to \$3,275.00, which is \$275.00 more than last year's appropriations.

Eighteen of the beneficiaries are connected with the institutions at Lancaster, Pa., five at Collegeville, Pa., two at Mercersburg, Pa., and two at Tiffin, Ohio.

The funds actually contributed for beneficiary education by the six Classes working through the Board, during the past year, amount to the sum of \$2,463.29, not including the amount in the treasury at last report \$969.40, interest on invested money \$176.48, and refunded by former beneficiaries \$87.50, or a total of \$3,696.67, including those items. The Board entered upon the new or present fiscal year, commencing with October 1, 1895, with \$360.65 less in the treasury, and will have to meet \$275.00 of appropriations greater than last year. To meet this deficit the apportionments will have to be either increased or paid up more fully.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipts of the following sums for beneficiary education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where offerings have been given, so as to present the sum-total contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Gettysburg and Virginia Classes, where the sources of receipts were not specified.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer of the Board of Education, in account with the Synod of the Potomac.*

Receipts.

Maryland Classis.—Frederick Church, \$92.00; First Church of Hagerstown, \$55.00; Second Church of Hagerstown, \$50.00; St. Paul's Church of Baltimore, \$48.00; Middletown Church, \$31.42; Manor Charge, \$30.00; Manchester Charge, \$26.73; Jefferson Charge, \$26.00; Clear Spring Charge, \$25.00; Glade Charge, \$23.00; Union Bridge Charge, \$20.00; Mount Pleasant Charge, \$18.11; Woodberry Church, \$18.00; Cavetown Charge, \$18.00; Carroll Charge, \$15.37; Taneytown Charge, \$15.00; Boonsboro' Charge, \$14.00; First Church of Baltimore, \$13.48; Silver Run Charge, \$14.25; Thurmont Charge, \$12.69; Emmitsburg Church, \$11.00; Faith Church of Baltimore, \$11.00; Washington Mission, \$10.00; Utica Charge, \$9.00; Mount Moriah Charge, \$8.65; Burkittsville Charge, \$7.73; Westminster Church, \$7.30; Sabillasville Charge, \$7.00; Fairview Church, \$5.00; St. Stephen's Church of Baltimore, \$5.00; and refunded by a former beneficiary (D.), \$37.50. Making \$685.23.

Gettysburg Classis.—Per Treasurer of Classis, \$425.00, and First Church of Hanover (specially designated), \$50.00. Making \$475.00.

Juniata Classis.—Water Street Charge, \$55.82; Martinsburg Charge, \$45.00; St. Clairsville Charge, \$40.00; First Church of Altoona, \$37.00; McConnellstown Charge, \$25.45; Sulphur Spring Charge, \$22.00; Everett Charge, \$20.00; Huntingdon Church, \$20.00; Friend's Cove Charge, \$12.92; Greenfield Charge, \$9.70; Woodcock Valley Charge, \$5.00; Clear Ridge Charge, \$1.84; and interest on Nicholas Gruber legacy, \$164.48. Making \$459.21.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg, \$110.00; Waynesboro' Charge, \$95.00; Mercersburg Charge, \$56.59; Greencastle Charge, \$50.60; Grindstonehill Charge, \$25.00; Shippensburg Church, \$25.00; McConnellsburg Charge, \$10.00; St. Thomas Charge, \$10.00; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro', \$9.00; Loudon Charge, \$4.64; interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy, \$12.00; and refunded by a former beneficiary (R.), \$50.00. Making \$457.83.

Carlisle Classis.—Zion's Charge, \$72.00; Landisburg Charge, \$60.00; New Bloomfield Charge, \$53.00; Carlisle Church, \$47.00; Mechanicsburg Church, \$36.00; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$30.00; Duncannon Charge, \$29.00; Newburg Church, \$23.00. Making \$350.00.

Virginia Classis.—Per Treasurer of Classis, \$300.00.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary of Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, at last report, October 1st, 1894, . .	\$969.40
Received from Maryland Classis,	685.23
“ “ Gettysburg Classis,	475.00
“ “ Juniata Classis,	459.21
“ “ Mercersburg Classis,	457.83
“ “ Carlisle Classis,	350.00
“ “ Virginia Classis,	300.00
Total receipts,	\$3,696.67

Summary of Payments.

Paid to beneficiary students of Maryland Classis,	\$610.00
“ “ “ Gettysburg Classis,	600.00
“ “ “ Carlisle Classis,	600.00
“ “ “ Juniata Classis,	575.00
“ “ “ Mercersburg Classis,	450.00
“ “ “ Virginia Classis,	250.00

Postage and stationary,	\$2.92
Total payments,	\$3,087.92
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1895,	608.75
Making,	\$3,696.67

We do hereby certify that, by appointment of the Board of Education, we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and payments, is a faithful statement of the same.

We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be \$608.75 on the 1st instant.

Mercersburg, Pa., October 3d, 1895.

Z. A. YEABICK,
A. R. SCHNEELY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the synod, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education, The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report:

Since our last report was made to the Synod we have held meetings as follows: November 13, 1894; December 26, 1894; April 5, 1895; June 4, 1895; September 17, 1895; October 18, 1895. At most of the meetings a large majority of the Board was present.

At our annual meeting, June 4, 1895, the Board organized by the election of W. Rush Gillan as President, Rev. F. F. Bahner as Secretary and E. J. Bonbrake as Treasurer. It is with unfeigned sorrow that the Board refers to the death of one of its members, our most beloved brother Rev. C. U. Heilman, who was always alert to the interests of the institution, and who, in the midst of a busy pastoral life, found time to work with great zeal for the advancement of the College. We are gratified to be able to report that the institution is doing a good work and enjoying a patronage beyond the capacity of the buildings. This is largely due to the learning, zeal, good judgment and untiring energy of the President, William Mann Irvine, Ph. D., and the Board here puts on record its appreciation of his services. During the year ending in June, 1895, one hundred and sixteen scholars were enrolled. Of these all were not there at one or the same time, some stopping a while and then dropping out before the end of the year. Seventeen finished the course and were graduated in June. The Commencement exercises were interesting and largely attended. The Class-day exercises, the Commencement exercises, and other exercises that were attended by many members of the Board during the year, demonstrate the fact that the faculty of this institution are teaching the boys under their control that which is sadly neglected in many institutions of learning, namely, the art of public speaking. Of the seventeen young men who finished the course last year, five have entered Franklin and Marshall College, one the Heidelberg University, one Ursinus, one has gone to Lafayette, two to Lehigh, four to Princeton, one to Jefferson Medical College, one into business. At least six of these boys have the ministry in view, five of them intend entering the ministry of our own Church.

The total earnings of the school for the year ending in

June was	\$11,871.57
Total expenses for school purposes	10,560.83
Earnings above expenses.	\$1,300.74

There was expended during the year in repairs and furniture, etc., the sum of \$2,215.00. There have been improvements made in the appearance of the grounds. Tennis courts have been made; South Cottage, being the house formerly occupied by Rev. Dr. Deatrick, has been repaired and furnished. Six rooms have been furnished in the preparatory building, and many other improvements have been made to the College property, buildings and grounds.

The school opened in September of this year, with a larger number of pupils than were entered the beginning of any preceding year, there being sixty-seven boarders and twenty-seven day scholars. A number have been enrolled since. The faculty now consists, in addition to Dr. Irvine, the President; of Charles V. Smith, A. B., Natural Sciences and History; S. G. Shartle, A. B., English, French and German; Van K. Irvine, A. B., Latin; Howard E. Smith, A. B., Mathematics and Graphics; L. S. Morrow, A. B., English and History; Floyd E. Knapp, Military Tactics and Commercial Branches. The College building is not large enough to accommodate the number of scholars now in attendance, hence it has been found necessary to occupy a portion of the old preparatory building at the opposite side of the town, as well as the house formerly occupied by Rev. Dr. Deatrick. In order to afford the day scholars a place for study during the hours not occupied in recitations, several rooms have been secured in a house in town near the College. The Senior Class numbers thirty; of these two-thirds will next year, as the Board is informed, enter the colleges of our own Church.

At a meeting of the Board held on the 28th day of December, 1894, it was determined to erect a new building to connect with the present College building, and at the same time to put into the present building steam heat and water. The whole to cost not more than fifteen thousand dollars. The work to be commenced as soon as \$9,000 were subscribed in *bona fide* and reliable subscriptions. A committee was appointed to secure the funds. A subscription card was prepared and an effort made to secure subscriptions to the amount desired. The work of securing these subscriptions has been left almost wholly to the President of the College. About \$8,600 has been secured in actual subscriptions, and \$1,200 more pledged though not pledged in writing. Of the amount subscribed about \$2,000 was subscribed by the people of Mercersburg. This together with the large number of students from the immediate vicinity of the school attests the hold which the institution has on those amongst whom it is located, and who are afforded a full opportunity to see and know what is being done.

A plan of building was prepared by the Building Committee, but on an estimate of the cost it was found that the building proposed would cost more than \$15,000, and it will be necessary either to restrict the plan or make an effort to secure more money. Much as it is needed the building is not yet begun. We expect soon to have the present building heated by steam, the work now being in progress, the contract price being \$1,650. More dormitories, larger recitation rooms, a hall for public exercises, as well as for use of the day scholars, modern heat and water supply are absolutely necessary, not alone to accelerate the growth of the school, but to prevent its progress being retarded.

At the meeting of the Board held on the 17th day of September, Rev. I. N. Peightel, of York, Pa., was chosen by the Board to fill the vacancy created by the death of Rev. C. U. Heilman. The terms of service of Rev. W. C. Cremer, D. D., Rev. J. B. Shontz and Elder A. R. Schnebly as members of the Board will expire at the end of the present year. It will be necessary for this Synod to elect their successors. The term of service of Rev. C. U. Heilman would have expired in October, 1897; it will therefore be necessary for this Synod to elect some one to serve two years to succeed Rev. Peightel, who was only elected to serve until this time.

While we appreciate what the Church is doing for this school, we yet feel that much more could be done. We know of no Preparatory School that is

doing as much as this one to fill the Colleges of our Church. It is the only institution of learning for boys under the care of our Synod. It is located at what should be the Mecca of the people of the Reformed Church. The very name Mercersburg should be an inspiration to every member of the Church. The name Mercersburg is known wherever the Christian religion has been taught. We seek only to make a first class Academy, we do not aim to do the work of a College; we are the rival of no other institution of the Church. The Faculty and the Board of Regents are determined by the help of God to make it a success. We appeal to you Reverend Fathers and Elders, and through you to the whole people of the Church to aid in this work; we ask your sympathy, your prayers, your patronage, your money. We feel sure that what the Church does for this school will be repaid her ten fold.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
OF FREDERICK, MD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

The Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., have to report that the Board was organized by the re-election of the former officers; viz : Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D. D., President; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Secretary, and Prof. Joseph H. Apple, Treasurer and Financial Agent.

The Board meets statedly three times each year, to wit: The last of April for reorganization, the election of Faculty and the outlining of work for the next year; during Commencement week; and again in connection with the opening of the collegiate year. The work in the interim is conducted through a local committee, and whenever necessary special meetings of the Board are held.

We have given careful and thoughtful attention to the interests committed to us and everything has been done in accordance with our best judgment.

The steam plant introduced into the buildings last year at our request made us comfortable during the severest weather of last winter.

The Frederick Female Seminary library included in our lease, aggregated a collection of about 1500 books. Few of these are of recent publication and hence constitute no proper working library. Through the energetic efforts of Prof. Apple, and the kindness of many friends, he has secured by donations and purchase a large number of valuable, modern books, among them a complete set of 35 volumes of Appleton's American Cyclopaedia. This was done without drawing directly upon our treasury for one dollar of its funds. The library has been transferred to a large and well-lighted room on the first floor of West Hall, where it has been properly arranged. A Librarian has charge, and in accordance with regulations, and at fixed hours gives out and receives books. The plan involves a further extension of the library and the friends of the college are invited to coöperate in securing its enlargement and efficiency.

By reference to the catalogue it will be seen that the entire enrollment last year was 141, of which 54 were boarders.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board was audited September 11, 1895, found to be correct, and sustained by proper vouchers. The income from all sources for the year was \$12,296.13 and the expenditure for current expenses \$11,955.74. The rental of \$1,000 for the past year has been paid. We have invested, since our last report, in a piano, furniture, etc., \$1,008.87; these will not need to be replaced for years to come. An investment of like character during the first year aggregates a total of \$1,525.07. This portion of the equipment is ours, and is inventoried at its present value in our annual statement, thereby making the net resources at the end of the second year \$685.93. It will be seen, therefore, that while the revenues of the institution

have exceeded the outlay for current expenses during the first two years by the above amount, that this surplus has not been sufficient to meet the necessary outlay for increased equipment.

The college work of the last year was highly satisfactory. On the 6th of last June, a class of 14 graduated in the literary department, and two in the musical department, to the credit of themselves and the Faculty.

During the past summer vacation, at our urgent request, the capacity of the buildings has been increased by raising the roof of East Hall and completing the third story, which had hitherto contained sleeping rooms with such low ceilings as to be entirely unserviceable. There are now available on this story, two piano practice rooms, a bath room and twelve comfortable, airy, double rooms. By reason of very desirable changes in West Hall, four rooms for boarders have been surrendered there, leaving us still an actual gain of eight large double rooms for students, two piano practice rooms and a bath room.

The old dormitory apartments on the second floor of West Hall have been transformed into a Scientific Laboratory. It now consists of two large rooms, the one to be used as a chemical, and the other as a physical laboratory. The chemical laboratory is fitted up with desks containing individual pneumatic bowls for work in analysis, and shelves for apparatus. For the physical laboratory cases have been made for the apparatus now on hand, and new apparatus, that will be added as it is needed. These improvements to the laboratories will cost about \$500. It is a gratifying fact that through the efforts of Prof. Apple and the generosity of some friends in Frederick, these improvements will be made outside of the regular revenues of the school.

The President of the College makes a personal canvass for students during the summer vacation. It is the policy of the Board that he should also, as far as possible, represent the claims of the College at the annual Synodical and other important Church meetings within the territory from which our patronage is drawn.

College work for the third year was resumed on Tuesday, September 10, 1895, under encouraging auspices. The course of study is being gradually raised and extended. Classes in each year's work are fully organized. The enrollment of students is fully equal to that of the preceding year at this date.

But two changes have been made in the Faculty. Gertrude Harner has succeeded Laura T. Case in the department of Higher English and History, and Irene Martin, a graduate of the last class, Laura Boyer as instructor in the Primary Department. Florence E. Trail, after one year's absence, has resumed her work in the College. Ellen Souder has been added to the faculty as teacher of Elocution.

We have an able and efficient faculty. Its average teaching experience is over nine years. The College throughout all its departments maintains a high rank. Your Board is satisfied that the first and best investment for the conducting of a successful school is in brains and experience, and that in estimating the desirability of a school *real enthusiasm* counts for more than real estate.

Our *right* to exist as a college is no longer questioned. The necessity for our existence, to meet the demands of the Church, must be apparent, and we further submit that the experience of the past two years proves our ability to provide the kind of school that is needed.

Your Board considers it important that you should at this time consider the future of the College. We have entered upon the third of our five-year lease at \$1,000 per year rental. Our experience of the past two years has demonstrated to us that to sustain our present high standard of faculty and our moderate rates for students, along which line we come into sharp competition with the other schools in our territory, we cannot afford to pay the increased rental of \$500 per annum from the revenues of the school, which the terms of the present lease require, after the first five years' tenancy. In the

judgment of your Board, to lower the standard of the College, by cheapening its expenses, would be a calamity to the Church which we have no words to convey. This dare not be thought of.

We have overtured the Board of the Frederick Female Seminary for a change or modification of the terms of the lease after the first five years, and have secured from them the following: That they, the Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary, being only desirous to use the property subject to their control, for purposes of education, will agree that, in case we desire to renew the present lease, the amount agreed upon in excess of one thousand dollars per annum shall be applied in payment of tuition for pupils selected by them at our usual rates, so that we would not have to pay in cash more than one thousand dollars per annum.

We, therefore, recommend that Synod empower your Board to effect such lease at once upon as liberal terms as possible, for a period of ten years, with the privilege of renewal upon the same terms, to take effect upon the completion of the present five-year lease, and that Synod instruct its Stated Clerk to affix to said lease, when properly signed, the seal of Synod.

Respectfully submitted on the part of Board of Directors of Woman's College, of Frederick, Md.

E. R. ESCHBACH,
President.

Frederick, Md., October 23d, 1895.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren:—The undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1894-1895.

The following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class* in September, 1894: John Franklin Bair, John Love Barnhart, Theodore P. Bolliger, William H. Brong, Charles A. Bushong, Preston A. DeLong, Thomas Wilson Dickert, Montgomery M. Fryer, William Glass Gerhard, Daniel G. Glass, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Wilson S. Hartzel, Mabry L. S. Herbein, Theodore C. Hesson, R. Raymond Jones, Clement D. Kressly, E. Douglas Lantz, John A. Leuzinger, R. Franklin Main, James M. Mullan, Albert F. Nace, Curtin L. Oswald, Carl Whitmer Plank, Amos Oliver Reiter, James Rauch Stein, Martin Weidman Schweitzer and Adolphus Walker—twenty-seven in number. Of these, eighteen were graduates of Franklin and Marshall College; two of Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio; three came from normal schools, of which they were graduates; and one, Curtin L. Oswald, was an ordained minister of the United Evangelical Church, who had received a preliminary training in the Schuylkill Seminary. Mr. Brong was readmitted to the Junior Class, having been prevented by ill health from pursuing his studies during the previous year.

The *Middle Class* consisted of the students admitted to the Junior Class last year, with the exception of Mr. Brong—eighteen in number.

The members of the *Senior Class* were as follows: Almon G. Baker, Frederick William Bald, Harry W. Bright, Harvey I. Crow, William D. Happel, Theodore F. Hermann, Hiram J. Hillegas, John C. Horning, Thomas H. Kriek, Lewis P. Krome, Elmer E. Leinbach, William H. Mader, F. J. Emil Muehe, Elmer S. Noll, Henry H. Ranok, Eugene P. Skyles, Howard H. Spohn, Gerney Weber and Henry W. Wissler—nineteen in all, making the whole number of students in the institution sixty-four. The Seniors having pursued the course of study prescribed by the Synod, and having sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board of Visitors, were awarded the usual *testimonials* at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last.

In accordance with the action of the Board at its annual meeting in 1894, the Faculty establishes a *post-graduate* course of study, of which several former students took advantage, and a number of others expect to do so in

the future. It is still tentative and may receive such modifications from year to year as may be deemed advisable. See College Catalogue 1894-5.

From the *Average Grade* of the students, presented by the Faculty, it appears that there were comparatively only a few whose standing was less than 4—5 denoting perfection. The Seniors were all above 4, one as high as 4.86, and one in the Middle Class as high as 4.85. As it regards industry, good order and Christian morality, the conduct of the students was satisfactory and commendable.

During the year the instruction in Elocution under Miss Morgan was satisfactory; and the Board again recommends to the three Synods to pay over to the Treasurer of the Seminary the amounts hitherto paid to meet the necessary expenses, \$75 being allotted to the Synod of the Potomac. In regard to a lady instructor, the Board reaffirmed its judgment as given last year, that a male teacher would be preferable, if suitable arrangements can be made for that purpose.

The Faculty having given it as their judgment that active membership of the Theological Students in Glee and Athletic Clubs has interfered with their studies in the Seminary, the Board referred the matter to a committee, and their report, instructing the Faculty not to allow students hereafter to connect themselves with such clubs, was unanimously adopted by the Board. According to their report, "the Board does not condemn nor discountenance the legitimate exercises of the gymnasium or the healthful athletics of the open field: on the contrary, it recognizes their advantage in the way of physical culture, in the promotion of a sound mind in a sound body. The members of the Board, therefore, approve of the *Home Club* and the *Home Team*, and are willing to encourage all judicious exercise of the students among themselves, nor do they wish to restrict the students of the Seminary from participating with the under-graduates of the College in the functions of the Clubs referred to, in so far as they may be limited in their performance to the home field.

"But in view of the waste of precious time, and of the consequent neglect of the solemn work of preparation for the Gospel Ministry, and in view of the sad dissipation of energies which should be consecrated to the up-building of Christian character so essential to a successful Ministry, which necessarily follow from prolonged absences from the Seminary, in the acceptance of challenges from distant clubs, the Board enjoined it upon the Faculty to forbid, without qualification or exception, the students from either accompanying the Glee Club to give concerts abroad, or so join in contest with either baseball or football teams, which may necessitate their absence from the institution. The Board, moreover, wished to place on record its unqualified disapproval of the practice of betting, and the increasing tendency to magnify financial gains accruing from guarantees and gate receipts, together with all other demoralizing influences inseparable from modern inter-collegiate athletics, and adjudges them as altogether unbecoming the authorities or students of a Christian institution."

As a Board we have endeavored to discharge our responsible duties in supervising the spiritual interests of our school of the prophets, and it is now our privilege once more to report that the blessing of Almighty God continues to rest upon it as in times past. The number of candidates for the Holy Ministry has been increasing from year to year; the corps of instructors has been enlarged; the new building for the use of the Seminary, with the spacious grounds around, now much beautified, is all that could be desired, and presents an attractive and interesting appearance, for which, as a Church, we are called upon to give thanks to God, the great Creator of all things, who through His Son, our Lord and Saviour, the Head of the Church, is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Respectfully submitted,

Lancaster, Pa., October, 1896.

THEODORE APPEL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Potomac Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States :

Dear Brethren:—During the past year the Board of Trustees held two meetings. The first meeting was held May 9, 1895, in the Seminary Building, Lancaster, Pa. The following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess; Treasurer, John B. Roth.

Rev. J. C. Bowman, D. D., laid before the Board a letter from Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt, of Hanover, Pa., containing a check of one thousand dollars for the endowment of an alcove in the Library Building, the interest to be expended for the department of New Testament Introduction and Exegesis. The fund was contributed in loving memory of her deceased husband, Henry Wirt, and is to be named "Henry Wirt Alcove."

The Board accepted the gift, and directed the letter and the reply to the same to be entered on the minutes.

At the request of the Faculty of the Seminary, the Board authorized the payment of the following salaries: Librarian, \$120 per annum; Assistant Librarian, \$30 per annum, and Custodian of the Reading Room, \$30 per annum, so soon as funds come into his hands for the payment of the running expenses of the Seminary.

The Building Committee, Theological Seminary, reported that they had entered into negotiations for the purchase of the Wolff property, adjoining the Seminary grounds, for the sum of \$5,500, on which is erected a two-and-a-half-story brick dwelling house, containing ten rooms, a part of which is to be used by the janitor, the Building Committee agreeing to assume the responsibility of collecting the sum of \$2,000, by a canvass of the pastoral charges and asking the Board of Trustees to provide for the balance (\$3,500) in accordance with their best judgment.

The Board approved of the purchase of the Wolff property.

The second meeting was held in the same place, October 8, 1895. In the absence of the Secretary, J. H. Stein was elected Secretary *pro tem*.

President Geo. N. Forney reported favorable progress in looking up the condition of Kansas investments.

A communication from the Professors of the Theological Seminary having been received, the following action was taken :

WHEREAS, a letter has been presented to our Board from Drs. Gast, Rupp and Bowman, asking that there be granted to the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods the privilege of building homes for their respective professors.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees commend the request and ask the three Synods to grant the privilege.

A communication from Dr. J. C. Bowman having been read, the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, Dr. J. C. Bowman has applied to the Board of Trustees for the privilege of having a suitable home built on the Seminary grounds for the use of the Potomac Synod's Professor.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to grant the privilege.

The Trustees further recommend: 1. That a building committee be raised, which shall be composed of six members, who shall choose the site, (with the approval of the Trustees), secure the design and superintend the construction of the proposed building; that the Pittsburgh Synod appoint one member of the committee, the Eastern Synod two members and the Potomac Synod three. 2. That should there be any excess of funds resulting from the canvass for the Seminary buildings, the same be placed in the hands of the building committee, to be applied to the professor's house.

The following action was taken relative to the Wolff property:

Resolved, That the purchase of the Wolff property be confirmed by the

Board, and that the several Synods approve the action of the Board and make provision for the payment of said property.

Respectfully submitted,
Hellertown, October 9, 1895.

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary.*

SYNOPSIS OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Report of JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer of Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Endowment Fund—Principal.

1895, Oct. 1. Current expense account of Seminary to October, 1, 1895 \$94,418 69

Dr.

For sundry incomes and interests received from Oct. 1, 1894, to Oct. 1, 1895 \$5,464 33

Or.

By balance due Treasurer as per account to Oct. 1, 1894 \$1,127 06

By salary, accounts and sundry bills paid to Oct. 1, 1895 6,665 39

1895, Oct. 1. Amount Dr. brought down \$7,792 45

Balance due Treasurer to Oct. 1, 1895 \$5,464 33

1895, Oct. 1. *Library Fund.* Principal \$2,328 12

Dr.

For Balance due fund Oct. 1, 1894 \$1,819 96

For interest received to Oct. 1, 1895 49 53

Or.

1895, Oct. 1. By sundry bills paid \$215 52

" Oct. 1. Balance due Library Fund 13 30

1895. *Small's Fund.* Principal \$202 22

Dr.

1895, Oct. 1. For interest on same to Oct. 1, 1895 \$5,000 00

Or.

" Oct. 1. By amount paid to C. G. Fisher, D. D., Treasurer \$250 00

The William A. Wilt Fund.

1895, Oct. 1. Principal \$833 33

Interest on same accounted for in current expense account of Seminary.

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

1894, Oct. 1. Principal in hands of Seminary Treasurer \$4,223 19

" " 19. R. S. Jamison, note 10,860 00

" " 19. Wm. Rupp, note 800 00

" " 19. Clarion Classis, note 800 00

1895, Mar. 20. Cash, W. R. Barnhart 140 00

Dr.

1895, Oct. 1. For sundry interests received on same to Oct. 1, 1895 \$16,823.19

Or.

" Oct. 1. By cash paid Rev. Dr. Wm. Rupp \$717 21

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

1895, Oct. 1. Principal \$2,000 75

" " For balance due to Oct. 1, 1894 \$22 00

" " For interest due to Oct. 1, 1895 150 00

\$172 00

Cr.

1895, May 9.	By prize paid Theo. F. Hermann	\$100 00	
" "	By sundry expenses paid	2 05	102 05
" "	Balance due fund Oct. 1, 1895		\$99 95

1895, Oct. 1.	<i>The Jacob Forney Fund.</i> For Alcove in Seminary Library .	\$1,000 00	
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Dr.

1895, Oct. 1.	For interest due to date	\$50 00	
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Seminary Building Fund.

Dr.

1895, Oct. 1.	For balance in hands of Treasurer as per account to Oct. 1, 1894	\$250 59	
" "	For Amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer of Synod to Oct. 1, 1895	8,824 08	
			\$9,074 62

Cr.

1895, Oct. 1.	By sundry orders paid to date	9,023 15	
	Balance due fund to Oct. 1, 1895		\$51 47

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric

1895, May 9.	Principal to May 7, '94	\$160 00	
	Received of W. M. Irvine	79 00	\$239 00

Dr.

" " 7.	For balance due fund	\$0 66	
" " 7.	For interest on \$160.00 to May 7, 1895	8 00	
1895, " 9.	For cash paid by W. M. Irvine	7 00	
" " 9.	For interest to Oct. 1, 1895	4 98	\$20 64

Cr.

1895, May 9.	By prize paid	\$15 00	
" "	By expenses paid	50	15 50

Balance due fund Oct. 1, 1895

\$5 64

1895, Mar. 29.	<i>The Henry Wirt Fund.</i> For Alcove in Seminary Library . .	\$1,000 00	
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1895, July 1.	Received of Rev. J. C. Bowman. In trust for Alcove in Seminary Library	\$700 00	
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1895, Oct. 1.	<i>Theol. Seminary Class of 1894.</i> By sundry notes aggregating	\$981 00	
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" "	For Alcove in Seminary Library. Cash paid on same to Oct. 1, 1895	\$46 00	
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The John L. Riegel Fund.

1895, Oct. 1.	By four notes of \$3,920.00 each	\$15,680 00	
" July 20.	Maturing July 20, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898. Without interest. Note paid August 16, 1895	\$3,920 00	

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1894, Oct. 5.	For amounts paid by Potomac Synod to Oct., 1894	\$75 00	
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" " 6.	" " " Schuylkill Classis, Elocution	13 00	
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1895, May 6.	" " " Goshenhoppen Classis, Elocution	9 00	
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" " 9.	" " " Lehigh Classis, Elocution	14 00	
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" " 9.	" " " E. Penna. Classis, Elocution	12 00	
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" " 11.	A. J. Heller, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod, for Elocution	\$40 00	
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" " 11.	A. J. Heller, current expenses	100 00	
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" " 11.	" " First Church, Greensburg	4 05	
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" " 27.	E. Penna. Classis, current expenses		\$144 05
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" " 27.	E. Susq. Classis, Elocution		60 00
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" June 8.	Juniata Classis, current expenses	\$60 00	
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" " 8.	" " Elocution	13 00	
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" " 29.	Tohickon Classis, Elocution		\$73 00
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" Sept. 12.	A. J. Heller, Treasurer of Pittsburgh Synod, balance due on appt. for Elocution	\$110 00	
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" " 12.	A. J. Heller, for current expenses	100 00	\$210 00
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\$623 15

1895, Oct. 1.	Charged to Treasurer in Seminary current expense account, LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1895. JOHN B. ROTH, Treasurer.		
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The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary report that we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
EDGAR SLAGLE,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the President and Members of the Potomac Synod:

Your Committee beg leave to report that the following papers have been placed in their hands:

1. Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
2. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.
3. Request from the President of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary to apportion \$400 for current expenses.
4. Report of Treasurer of Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.
5. Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and report of President John S. Stahr, D. D.
6. Report of Board of Education.
7. Report of Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.
8. Report of Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

I. Theological Seminary.—From the reports bearing upon the Theological Seminary we are gratified to learn of the large number of students in attendance and of the general prosperity of the institution. We regret, however, to note the large deficiency in the current expense fund, which is the cause of anxiety to those entrusted with the financial management.

The remissness of our own Synod is shown by the fact that but one Classis (Juniata) is reported as having contributed to the current expense fund.

A careful study of the documents pertaining to the Theological Seminary leads your committee to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synod make grateful acknowledgement of Mrs. Louisa F. Wirt's contribution of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the endowment of an alcove in the Theological Seminary Library as a memorial to her deceased husband, Henry Wirt, and that her generous act be commended to the members of the Church throughout the three Synods.

Resolved, That the Synod assume \$75 for the support of the teacher of education, and \$400 for the current expense fund, and that this amount (\$475) be apportioned upon the several Classes.

Resolved, That the Synod approve the purchase of the Wolff property, and entrust to the judgment of the Board of Trustees the matter of making provision for the \$3,500 which remain to be paid on the property.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Board of Trustees concerning (a) the granting of privilege to the three Synods to build professors' houses on the Seminary grounds; (b) the appointment of a Building Committee to select a building site, and to superintend the construction of a house for the Potomac Synod's professor, and (c) the disposition of the possible excess of funds resulting from the canvass for the Seminary buildings, be referred to a special committee.

2. Franklin and Marshall College.—The catalogue of this central seat of learning and the report of President J. S. Stahr, D. D., are replete with statements which tell of steady growth and a most encouraging condition of prosperity.

The large increase of students has necessitated the division of classes, and along with it an enlargement of the teaching force. To meet the present imperative wants of the College, not to speak of the greater needs of the near future, the Trustees urge all friends of the institution to coöperate with them in their effort to increase the endowment and to provide new buildings and their necessary equipment.

Resolved, That this Synod renews its pledge to give hearty support to Franklin and Marshall College, and that it realizes the necessity of strengthening this central seat of learning, not merely for its own sake, but, also for the sake of the the various educational interests which are so closely related to and dependent upon it.

Resolved, That Synod is heartily in sympathy with the general spirit and purpose of the scheme projected by the Board, looking toward the increase of the endowment of the College and the efficiency of its various departments, and commends the scheme to the liberal support of the ministry and membership of this body.

Resolved, That with the view to full and cordial coöperation with the Board of Trustees in its effort to advance the interests of the College, a committee be appointed by the chair composed of a representative from each Classis, and that the President of Synod, Rev. Wm. C. Schaeffer, be named as the representative of *Mercersburg Classis*.

Resolved, That the Synod renews the request that the Board of Trustees present to Synod a statement of the financial condition of the College.

Resolved, That Elder Peter C. Wiest, of York, be chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. C. U. Heilman, and that the Stated Clerk cast the ballot for the Synod.

III. *Board of Education*.—In reviewing the work of the Board of Education your committee have learned the following facts, viz:

1. That one student, Lewis P. Krome, completed his course in the Seminary, and is now serving acceptably one of the mission charges in Iowa Classis.

2. That twenty-five young men have been aided during the past year, and that twenty-seven are now on the roll and under the care of the Classes.

3. That the income of the last year was about \$600 less than the amount required to sustain the beneficiaries.

4. That \$3,275 have been voted as aid to students for the present scholastic year.

5. That but six of the Classes work through the Board.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following actions:

Resolved, That in view of the peculiar requirements of the ministry of the present day, the Board of Education and the Classes be requested to exercise the utmost care in the selection of young men for the Christian ministry.

Resolved, That the Faculty of the College and of the Seminary be requested to freely express to the Board and to the Classes having students under their care their judgment as to the fitness or unfitness of students for the continuance of their course.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that, in addition to the requirement of exemplary character, the standard for admission into the Theological Seminary, with rare exceptions, be the full collegiate course.

Resolved, That Zion's and North Carolina Classes be requested to coöperate with the Board.

Resolved, That the sum of \$4,200 be apportioned upon the several Classes.

IV. *Mercersburg College*.—The report of the Board of Regents gives expression to profound sorrow over the death of Rev. C. U. Heilman, and fittingly makes acknowledgment of his great zeal and heroic efforts to advance the interests of the College, and in so doing voices the sentiment of the entire Synod.

The graduation of seventeen students last June, the present large attendance, the occupancy of buildings hitherto not used for school purposes, the improvement of the present College building and the imperative call for new

buildings are proofs of present prosperity and prophecies of future success, over which the Synod heartily rejoices.

The report of the Board shows the encouraging feature of an excess of earnings above expenses of \$1,300, but fails to state that provision has been made for the large expense incurred for needed repairs.

We recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod approve the action of the Board in determining to erect a new building for the accommodation of students, and commends the wisdom of securing \$9,000 before beginning the work of construction.

Resolved, That Synod make grateful acknowledgment of the kindness and generosity of the citizens of Mercersburg in contributing \$2,000 towards this fund.

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to press forward, unremittingly, the canvass for funds so as to make provision for the cost of the repairs of the old buildings, the construction of the new buildings, and, if possible, the liquidation of the indebtedness; and that pastors and people be requested to give active and generous aid to the Board and their agents in the prosecution of their work.

Resolved, That the Board be requested to present to Synod a statement giving the financial condition of the College and an account of moneys received from various sources and of moneys expended.

Resolved, That the purpose of the President and Board to make of Mercersburg College a thoroughly equipped, high-grade training school for boys be heartily sustained by the Synod as part of its educational policy; and that pastors and people be requested to give the institution their patronage and faithful support.

V. *Woman's College of Frederick, Md.*—For this school—the youngest and, in some respects, the most hopeful and promising of our Synodical institutions—your committee bespeak the careful reading of the report of the Board of Directors, whose full and clear statements set forth to best advantage the merits and claims of the school. The prudent care and wise judgment shown in the manner of starting and conducting the school thus far entitle its Board of Managers to the congratulations of the Synod.

Their purpose to extend to young women, especially those within the bounds of the Synod, the opportunity of securing an education which has in view the liberal culture of mind, heart and soul, in conformity to the highest ideals of true womanhood, merits the attention and commendation of all Christian parents.

Surely the Synod which sustains to this institution the relation of a guardian mother cannot but rejoice over its present prosperity and its bright hopes for the future.

The claims of higher education for women challenge the Reformed Church with peculiar interest. The neglects of the past become startling in the light of present opportunity. With regard to the Woman's College of Frederick and Synod's relation to it, there can be no division of sentiments. Here is a central rallying point towards which the hearts of fathers, mothers, pastors and people should be drawn, and be bound thereto with unflinching devotion.

Resolved, That the work, aims and purposes of the Woman's College of Frederick, as set forth in the report of the Board of Directors, be fully approved by the Synod.

Resolved, That the College be heartily commended to the patronage of the Synod.

Resolved, That pastors and people be requested to coöperate with President Apple and the Board of Directors in their efforts to more fully equip the institution and to increase its efficiency.

Resolved, That Synod empower the Board to effect at an early day upon as liberal terms as possible a lease of the College for a period of ten years with the privilege of renewal, the new lease to take effect upon the completion of

the present five-years' lease, and that when said lease be secured and properly signed the Stated Clerk be authorized to affix thereto the seal of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BOWMAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee called for in the third resolution, having reference to Franklin and Marshall College, consists of Revs. J. O. Miller, E. R. Eschbach, W. C. Schaeffer, J. A. Hoffheins, A. H. Smith, G. B. Resser, M. O. Noll and L. Robb.

In considering the Overture contained in item 6 of the report of the Committee on Overtures, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Synod:

WHEREAS, The Synod recognizes the importance of North Carolina Classis as a most promising missionary territory, and sympathizes most heartily with the members of our congregations in that Classis in upholding the standards of the Reformed Church in that State; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize the great importance of Christian education as an essential element in building up the interests of our Church there as well as elsewhere; and,

WHEREAS, The needs of Catawba College have been brought to our attention, and our assistance solicited in placing said institution upon a better and more substantial basis; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that the best interests of the Church would be subserved by placing Catawba College upon a firm basis as a scientific and literary institution rather than by the establishment, at this time, of a Theological Department in connection with it; therefore,

Resolved, That with a view of establishing closer relations between the Synod and the College, and of opening the way for giving more effectual help to the College and securing for it a larger circle of friends and supporters, we invite North Carolina Classis to consider the propriety of placing the said Catawba College under the care of the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That in the event of North Carolina Classis giving favorable consideration to this overture, the Synod pledge itself to the cordial support of the College and to the prosecution of Christian education in that Classis.

Resolved, That a committee of three, consisting of Revs. J. O. Miller, E. R. Eschbach and Elder J. E. Roller, be appointed for the purpose of conferring with North Carolina Classis and formulating a suitable plan for carrying into effect the foregoing resolution, said plan to be reported to the Synod for adoption.

Subsequently the following was adopted:

In view of the present pressing needs of Catawba College, which cannot be met by the action taken by the Synod with reference to the interests of said institution,

Resolved, That a fund of four hundred dollars be raised by this Synod for the immediate relief of Catawba College, to be completed, if possible, by the 1st of January, 1896, and to be paid through the Treasurer of Synod to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Resolved, That the opportunity be extended to members of the Synod and friends of Catawba College, at the present session, to contribute toward this fund in cash, or pledges payable by the 1st of January, 1896.

Resolved, That Rev. E. R. Eschbach receive and hold all such moneys and pledges as may be contributed, *pro tempore*.

In the course of a few minutes cash and pledges were made to the amount of nearly three hundred dollars, the balance to be raised, if possible, by next New Year. In the same connection the following resolution was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to pay over to the Trustees of Catawba College for the use of the General Endowment Fund the moneys contributed by the Classes of Maryland, Mercersburg and Zion for the proposed theological teaching in connection with said College, as acquiesced in by the Classes named, and now in the Treasury, amounting to \$381.91.

The Standing Committee, under item 1 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE OF SEMINARY ENDOWMENT SECURITIES.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to audit the Seminary Endowment Securities beg leave to report:

That the duty assigned the committee was attended to on the 21st of October, 1895, and that the following securities and cash were found in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, to wit:

First Mortgages on Real Estate, Railroad Bonds and Notes Amounting to	\$35,650.00
Cash in Hands of Treasurer	64.68
Total	\$35,714.68
Fellowship Fund, one Real Estate Mortgage	\$1,000.00
One Certificate of Deposit in Hanover Saving Fund Society	305.24
Cash in the Hands of the Treasurer	30.00
Total	\$1,335.24

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman*.

The Special Committee, to whom item 2 of the Report on Overtures has been referred, submitted the following report, which was considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod:

To your special committee there were referred two papers, each containing two items for our consideration.

The first is a communication from the Pittsburgh Synod, in which is expressed by resolution:

1. Its judgment that the professors in the Theological Seminary should receive equal salaries.
2. A request that this Synod appoint a committee of three to act with similar committees from the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods in selecting sites for houses for the Theological professors.

With reference to the first item, your committee readily acquiescing in the judgment expressed, suggested the following action:

Resolved, That to the end that the professors receiving a less salary, may receive a salary equal to that of the highest, the General Endowment Fund of the Theological Seminary be earnestly and heartily commended to the generous givers among our people, that through their gifts the general fund may be so increased as to allow the Board, from the interest, to raise the salaries of all the professors until that each shall receive an amount equal to that of the highest as now paid.

With reference to the second item, your committee offer the following:

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Synod that the matter of selecting sites for the several professors' houses may be safely left to the good judg-

and the Building Committee of the Seminary, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, were referred to us:

The Board commending the request of Professors Gast, and the privilege be granted the Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods for their several professors.

Recommendation that the privilege be and is hereby granted as the funds are at hand.

The request of the Board asking this Synod to appoint a committee with committees from the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods to prepare a design and in superintending the construction of a building for Potomac Synod's professor.

The whole matter be, and is hereby, referred to the Building Committee of Geo. N. Forney, S. N. Hench and Prof. J. C. Hench, to their best judgment, subject to the approval of the Synod, so conditioned as that it shall not involve this Synod in any expense.

The recommendation of the Board that any excess of funds for the Seminary buildings be placed in the hands of the Board for this purpose, be approved, and that for any excess to secure what further funds may be needed for the Seminary, and in case they should yet be lacking, to issue bonds at a low rate of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

with item 5 of Report on Minutes of Synod, it was recommended that nothing had been done in the way of raising the mortgage and judgment indebtedness of the College during the past year. The Chairman of the Finance Committee, having died, the balance of the Committee was discharged, and the duty of making provision to meet the indebtedness was placed in the hands of the Board of the College.

The Commissioners appointed last year, as set forth in item 7 of the Minutes of Synod, failed to furnish the Synod with a report, one member of the Commission stating, that for various reasons the duty assigned had not been accomplished.

The election for members of the several Boards of the Synod during the session of Friday afternoon, Revs. W. J. W. Santee and G. B. Resser were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years; C. Schaeffer, J. B. Shontz and Elder A. R. Schnebly were elected members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years, and Rev. I. N. Peightel was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, for the term of five years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., Members of the Board of Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely :

BOARD OF EDUCATION : Revs. W. M. Deatruck, J. W. Santee and G. B. Resser, for three years ; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier and J. A. Hoffheins, for two years ; Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and A. S. Weber, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE : Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. B. Shontz and Elder A. R. Schnebly, for three years ; E. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder S. Hoefflich and Rev. I. N. Peightel, for two years ; Revs. W. M. Deatruck, T. F. Hoffmeier and F. F. Bahner, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE : Elder A. C. McCardell, for five years ; Elder J. E. Roller, for four years ; Rev. E. R. Eshbach, for three years ; Rev. C. S. Slagle, for two years, and Elder W. H. Lakin, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY : Revs. J. S. Kieffer and C. Clever, for three years, and Revs. E. R. Eshbach and J. O. Miller, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY : Elders George N. Forney and Edgar Slagle, for five years ; Elders H. Wirt Shriver and Jacob H. Cost, for three years, and Elders Israel Laucks and S. Nevin Hench, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

Missions.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, Annual Report of the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several reports are as follows, with the exception of that of the General Board, which has been published in pamphlet form, and therefore is omitted here, to wit :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

DEAR BRETHREN: It is important that your Advisory Board continue to render a yearly report to the Synods, especially in reference to the finances of the year and the trust funds in our hand.

With this report, indeed as part of it, we send Treasurer Nissley's report as usual, knowing that its details are valuable in the study of our work.

It is matter for devout gratitude to God that a revival of business seems at hand, and that the coming year promises easier finances.

Perhaps it is enough to make the general statement that our work is in good condition; and for details concerning the missions we refer you to the yearly report of the General Board.

It is well, however, to call attention to the fact that the Hungarian work within the bound of the Eastern Synod is assuming unexpectedly large proportions, demanding and deserving special help. We now have congregations at South Norwalk, Conn.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Trenton, N. J., and Mt. Carmel, Pa., with abundant material for another in New York City, where a pastor has just been located. At Mt. Carmel they two years ago built themselves a church, and at Trenton one will likely soon be built by the members; but at South Norwalk and Bridgeport loans must be given for the building of churches, and here our Church-building Funds again serve us well.

During the year the Edwin B. and Clara S. McCauley Memorial Church-building Fund was completed; the Freeland G. Hobson Fund was begun; several partial Funds have been increased, and two Funds have been paid into the treasury, namely, the Martin L. and Anna C. Lerch Church-building Fund and the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super Church-building Fund. We now have thirty of these Funds on record, besides those in process of completion.

Let it be borne in mind that the helpfulness of these Funds lies not merely in the amount given, but especially in the fact that they are on hand for use just when most needed, a fact which has repeatedly been brought to the attention of our people. Hence our effort has been always to have several Funds in the treasury in advance of demand.

The available assets of the Board are now over \$30,000, mainly in the form of first mortgages on church properties; and it is worthy of note that about half of this amount is made up of the Church-building Funds gathered within the last nine years.

One of the most important, as well as painful, acts of the year was the dropping of our Pacific Coast Missions. Our repeated efforts to transfer the work proved unavailing, and the Board did not feel justified in longer supporting it. Due notice was given all the missionaries, and support was withdrawn October 1, 1895.

Changes in the roll of missions, as well as items requiring action, will be found in the report of the General Board.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF MISSIONS.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

Dr.

I. FOR MISSIONS.

Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.	
Philadelphia	\$1,895 46
Tohickon	918 35
Goshenhoppen	1,322 29
East Pennsylvania.....	880 00
Lebanon	863 99
Schuylkill	1,468 97
Lancaster	1,139 24
East Susquehanna.....	918 39
West Susquehanna.....	958 88
Lehigh	1,242 14
Wyoming.....	698 06
	<hr/> \$12,424 75

Synod of the Potomac.

Maryland.....	\$2,109 33
Mercersburg.....	841 58
Junata	1,204 84

Carlisle	\$563 41
Zion's	350 79
Gettysburg	208 00
North Carolina.....	50 00
Virginia	300 00
	<hr/> \$5,694 96
	<hr/> \$18,069 70

From Miscellaneous Sources.

Rev. G. Graedel, Ballard, Wash	\$11 50
St. John's Reformed Sun- day-school, Phila., Pa....	8 50
F. at Huntingdon, Pa.....	5 00
Anonymous, Phila. Pa....	15 00
" Baltim're, Md.	5 00
Mrs. F. A. Gast, Lancas- ter, Pa.....	15 00
Miss Ella Kreis, Buckeys- town, Md.....	2 50
Reformed Church, Fred- erick, Md.....	25 00
1st Dept. Reformed Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa.....	4 25

Mrs. Minerva J. Beard, Mifflinsburg, Pa.....	\$6 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Con- cord, N. O. Society.....	5 15
Young Peoples' S. C. E., St. John's, Lebanon, Pa.....	10 00
A Friend, White Marsh, Pa.....	5 00
Mrs. John Kennedy.....	2 50
Missionary Society, Fred- erick, Md.....	25 00
C. E. Society, 3d St. Church, Easton, Pa.....	25 00
Elder D. W. Gross, Harris- burg, Pa., 86th birthday offering.....	20 00
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....	50 00
Woman's Missionary So- ciety, Mercersburg Classis Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Heller, Phila., Pa.....	10 00
Christ Church, Phila., Pa.....	221 50
Grace Church, Kearneys- ville, W. Va.....	4 50
Special offering from an elder.....	25 00
Rev. I. M. Motter and members, Adamstown, Md.....	14 00
From three friends.....	600 00
Emmanuel's Congregat'n, Hanover, Pa.....	50 00
M. W. Bahn, New Free- dom, Pa.....	5 00
Sunday-school 1st Church, Hanover, Pa.....	50 00
Sunday-school 1st Church, Lenten offering, several classes.....	15 40
Reformed Congregation at Riegelsville, Pa.....	142 08
Sunday-school at Riegels- ville, Pa.....	123 58
Nevin Boyer Fund, Rie- gelsville, Pa.....	5 00
Mrs. B. A. Kresling, Broad- heads, Pa.....	20 00
Members at Buckeystown, Md.....	2 00
Sunday-school Christ's Church, Phila., Pa.....	50 00
Young Peoples' S. C. E. of St. John's, Lebanon, Pa.....	10 00
Rev. G. Vetter, salary re- funded.....	18 00
Rev. Geo. B. Remser, Han- over, Pa.....	16 00
Women's Missionary Soc- ety, Eastern Synod.....	1,120 08
J. J. Nimsley, Treas., East- ern Synod, interest Ger- hart legacy, 2 years.....	12 00
	<hr/> \$2,781 42

Paid Jas. T. Reber, Treas.
of General Board, for
missions..... \$20,841 12

II. DESIGNATED MONEYS.

Rev. T. O. Stern, Treas., East Penna. Classis, for Stroudsburg, Pa.....	\$500 00
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas. Schuylkill for Rev. T. J. Bower.....	200 00
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas., Schuylkill, for Rev. C. D. Yost.....	100 00
Women's Mts. Soc. Phila. Classis, for Toga Mission, Phila.....	15 00
Women's Mts. Soc. Phila. Classis, for Messiah Mis- sion Phila.....	20 00

Women's Mts. Soc. Phila. Classis, for Calvary Mis- sion, Phila.....	\$20 00
Women's Mts. Soc. Phila. Classis, for Bethel Mis- sion, Phila.....	25 00
1st Church, Lebanon, Pa., for Thomasville, N. C.....	50 00
1st Church, Lebanon, Pa., for Roanoke, Va.....	10 00
Kate and Lizzie Bell, Har- riaburg, Pa., for Steelton, Pa.....	5 00
Kate and Lizzie Bell, Har- riaburg, Pa., for Fourth Church, Harrisburg, Pa.....	5 00
Infant Dept. S. S. 1st Ch., Hanover, Pa., for Abi- lene, Kan.....	5 62
East Vincent Church, for Messiah Mts., Phila., Pa.....	10 00
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas., Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. F. B. Bahn.....	100 00
Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Treas., Schuylkill Classis, for Rev. H. Y. Stoner.....	400 00
Women's Mts. Soc. St. Ste- phen's, Lancaster, Pa., for Rev. L. C. Harntsh.....	25 00
Elder C. M. Bower, Belle- fonte, Pa., for Chicago Mission Church.....	10 00
Elder Jared Harper, Belle- fonte, Pa., for Chicago Mission Church.....	10 00
St. John's Reformed S. S., Bellefonte, Pa., for Chi- cago Mission Church.....	10 00
1st Reformed Ch'rch, Read- ing, Pa., for Chicago Mi- sion Church.....	100 00
Juniata Classis, for Chi- cago Mission Church.....	152 00
Geo. Hoochach, Carlisle Clas- is, for Chicago Mission Church.....	25 00
Rev. J. H. Fannebecker, Treas., Lancaster Classis, for Chicago Mission Ch.....	25 00
	<hr/> \$1,525 62

For Hungarian Missions as follows:

Rev. J. W. Pontius, Treas., Juniata Classis.....	\$76 00
C. A. Shultz, Treas., Zion's Classis.....	5 51
Edgar Blagle, Treas., Synod of the Potomac.....	45 00
Rev. Dr. W. M. Deatrick, Treas., Mercersburg Classis J. J. Nimsley, Treas., East- ern Synod.....	40 00
	<hr/> 776 54
J. J. Nimsley, Treas., Eastern Synod, for Harbor Mission.....	\$655 65
	<hr/> \$473 09
Paid as designated.....	\$3,254 36

III. CHURCH BUILDING.

Sept. 24, 1894. Balance in Treasury... \$3,550 61

From Eastern Synod.

CLASSES.	
Tobickon.....	\$217 00
Goshenhoppen.....	41 00
Lebanon.....	117 70
Schuylkill.....	150 65
Lancaster.....	25 00
East Tusquehanna.....	179 39
Lehigh.....	270 00
Wyoming.....	155 00
	<hr/> \$1,167 04

From Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.	
Juniata	\$228 50
Carlisle	86 00
Zion's	33 21
Edgar Slagle, Treas. Synod	185 25
	<hr/> \$628 05

For Church Building Funds.

CLASSES.	
West Susquehanna Fund....	\$42 51
E. B. & C. B. M'Cauley Fund	30 00
Martin L. & Anna C. Lerch Fund.....	500 00
Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super Fund.....	500 00
Woman's Mis. Soc. Lebanon & Assists Fund.....	112 00
F. G. Hobson Fund.....	100 00
Catechumens' Fund	16 67
W. M. S. Wyoming Classis Fund	88 00
	<hr/> \$1,390 18

From Loans Repaid.

Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.....	\$250 00
Grace Ch'rch, Abilene, Kan.....	100 00
Hamilton, Wash.....	200 00
L. C. Seidel, on account of mortgage	300 00
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, on account of judgment.....	200 00
	<hr/> \$1,050 00
	<hr/> \$7,685 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C. M. Boush, Treas. General Board.....	\$1,088 57
Paid amount designated by E. Susquehanna Classis for Tower City Mission...	150 00
Paid Loan to Thomasville, N. C.....	500 00
Paid Loan to Wyoming Classis for Scranton, Pa.....	500 00
Paid Loan to 1st Church, Hiesleton, Pa.....	1,008 00
Paid Loan to Christ's Church, Lykens, Pa.....	500 00
Paid Rev. W. Delany Bethel Mission, Phila., Pa.....	200 00

Paid Loan to Mission, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	266 67
Balance in Treasury Sept. 17, 1895.....	\$4,161 22
	<hr/> \$7,685 88

IV. INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 24, 1895.....	\$588 54
From Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.....	16 00
From Rev. Lewis Reiter, Roanoke, Va.....	90 00
From Mrs. C. A. Fremell, Harrisburg, Pa.....	122 00
From St. Stephen's Ch'rch, Baltimore, Md.....	75 00
From L. C. Seidel, Steelton, Pa.....	216 00
From Mrs. Amanda R. Wagner, Pottstown, Pa.....	100 00
From Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.....	19 00
From Hamilton, Wash.....	31 25
From Calvary Church, Scranton, Pa.....	50 00
From General Board of Home Missions.....	50 50
From Jesse Gery Legacy.....	2 50
	<hr/> \$1,370 79

<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Martin J. Sease, loan repaid	\$700 00
Anna & Barbara Leighty, loan repaid.....	300 00
Interest on above loans.....	40 00
Trav'ling expenses of b'rd, postage and stationery...	89 17
Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	150 00
	<hr/> \$1,379 17
Balance in Treasury Sept. 18, 1895.....	\$1 63
	<hr/> \$1,370 79

V. LEGACY ACCOUNT.

From Jesse H. Gery, executor of Jesse Gery, East Greenville, Pa.....	\$650 00
Loaned to Trinity Mission, Altoona, Pa.....	\$650 00

Respectfully submitted,

Hummelstown, Pa., Sept. 18, 1895.

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

Audited Sept. 23, 1895, and found correct.

J. O. MILLER,
A. C. WHITMER.**TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.**

Rev. and Dear Brethren:—The Board of Foreign Missions would very respectfully beg leave to lay before your Reverend Body a general statement of the fortunes, the present condition and the outlook of our work in the Empire of Japan. We rejoice in being able to say that we come to you bearing glad tidings. Since last it was our privilege to address you, great changes have transpired in Japan, affecting not only its national and political interests, but also its relation to the work of Christian Missions within its borders. At the outbreak and during the earlier stages of the recent war between China, grave apprehensions were entertained as to the effect it might have on the diffusion of Christianity, but aside from a spirit of indifference

to its solemn claims, caused doubtless, in large part, by the universal absorption of interest in the war, and which we are sorry to learn still prevails, the effects have proved rather advantageous than damaging. The simultaneous happy solution of the vexed question of treaty revision has gone far to allay the anti-foreign feeling which had erected restraining barriers, while the practical demonstration against the allegations of the false religionists, that Christianity was not inimical to patriotism, has caused a change of attitude toward it on the part of the military and ruling classes to that of toleration and even favor. The widespread distribution of the sacred scriptures; the special features for preaching the Gospel to the soldiery, accorded by those in authority, and the underlying spirit of Christian charity as manifested in the offices of the Red Cross Association, all these combined have, by the blessing of God, lodged deep in the hearts of the people a holy principle, which, silently like leaven, is working a transformation which in large part seems not yet to be clearly understood by its subjects. Even though the spirit of indifference is still discernable, yet, in strange contrast, the attendance upon the preaching of the Gospel is increasing.

The regular work of our Mission has gone forward during the last year without interruption. The only evil effect, we are informed of, is a slight decline in the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin, some of them having entered the army. In the Girls' School there was a slight increase in the number of scholars. At the last commencement six young men graduated from the Theological Department, and are now going forth as evangelists; five graduated from the Collegiate Department, some, if not all of whom will enter the Theological Department. Five graduated from the Girls' School.

The death of Mr. Kaneko is felt to be a great loss to our Tohoku Gakuin, as he was expected to take the Chair of Old Testament Theology; hence the speedy going out this fall of Mr. Noss is felt to be the more urgent.

It is the feeling of the Board that with the reinforcement, by the going out of Mr. Noss, the teaching force in our institutions will be sufficient for the present. The most urgent need of our Mission at this time is additional buildings. The Girls' School is full to overflowing. More scholars could be gathered in, had we room for their accommodation. The present teaching force is sufficient for a larger number of scholars. In case of the Tohoku Gakuin, our present building is entirely too small. It has to serve for Seminary, College and Preparatory Department. We are short, at present, for recitation rooms and dormitory facilities, some of the dormitory rooms being used for recitation purposes. The Board has felt the urgent need of enlarged quarters, but in view of other necessities for which it felt constrained to ask enlarged contribution from the Church, it hesitated for the time being to press a new and large request. It was therefore with pleasure that it heard of the inauguration by the Classis of Philadelphia, of the enterprise, with the aid of the other Classis of the Church, of the erection of the Kenako Memorial Building. We bespeak for this enterprise the favorable consideration of those of our brethren whom God has blessed with means. Its realization will go far to relieve our embarrassment and enable a larger efficiency in our work.

We are happy in being able to say that the W. M. S. G. S. has generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School. For this very efficient co-operation in our blessed work by the women of our Church, the Board is profoundly thankful.

As to the finances of the Board, it is happy to tender to the Church its hearty thanks for the favorable response made to its enlarged requests. The oppressive part of our indebtedness is paid, for which we humbly thank God, and provision has meanwhile been made for all our current expenses. True, the full amount of apportionment has not been paid, but it has called out many contributions which else, most likely, would not have been made. The deficiency in this particularity was compensated for by the self-denial effort. Which effort, however, was but a partial success, this last year, in con-

From Synod of the Potomac.

CLASSES.	
Juniata.....	\$228 59
Carlisle.....	86 00
Zion's.....	33 21
Edgar Slagle, Treas. Synod	185 25
	<hr/> \$528 05

For Church Building Funds.

CLASSES.	
West Susquehanna Fund....	\$42 51
E. B. & C. B. M'Cauley Fund	30 00
Martin L. & Anna C. Lerch Fund.....	500 00
Rev. Dr. Henry W. Super Fund.....	500 00
Woman's Mis. Soc. Lebanon (lassis Fund.....	113 00
F. G. Hobson Fund.....	100 00
Catechumens' Fund.....	16 67
W. M. S. Wyoming Classis Fund.....	38 00
	<hr/> \$1,390 18

From Loans Repaid.

Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.....	\$250 00
Grace Ch'rch, A. Millne, Kan	100 00
Hamilton, Wash.....	200 00
L. C. Seidel, on account of mortgage.....	300 00
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, on account of judgment.....	200 00
	<hr/> \$1,050 00
	<hr/> \$7,685 88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid C. M. Bonsh, Treas. General Board.....	\$1,036 57
Paid amount designated by E. Susquehanna Classis for Tower City Mission...	150 00
Paid Loan to Thomasville, N. C.....	500 00
Paid Loan to Wyoming Classis for Scranton, Pa	500 00
Paid Loan to 1st Church, Steelton, Pa.....	1,008 00
Paid Loan to Christ's Church, Lykens, Pa.....	500 00
Paid Rev. W. Delany Bethel Mission, Phila., Pa...	200 00

Paid Loan to Mission, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	286 67
Balance in Treasury Sept. 17, 1895....	<hr/> \$4,161 22
	<hr/> 3,524 64
	<hr/> \$7,685 86

IV. INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 24, 1895.....	\$588 54
From Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.....	16 00
From Rev. Lewis Reiter, Roanoke, Va.....	90 00
From Mrs. C. A. Fremell, Harriaburg, Pa.....	132 00
From St. Stephen's Ch'rch, Baltimore, Md.....	75 00
From L. C. Seidel, Steelton, Pa.....	216 00
From Mrs. Amanda R. Wagner, Pottstown, Pa...	100 00
From Trinity Church, Altoona, Pa.....	19 00
From Hamilton, Wash.....	31 25
From Calvary Church, Scranton, Pa.....	50 00
From General Board of Home Missions.....	50 50
From Jesse Gery Legacy...	2 50
	<hr/> \$1,370 79

Disbursements.	
Martin J. Sease, loan repaid	\$700 00
Anna & Barbara Leighty, loan repaid.....	300 00
Interest on above loans.....	40 00
Trav'ling expenses of b'rd, postage and stationery...	89 17
Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer.....	150 00
	<hr/> \$1,379 17
Balance in Treasury Sept. 18, 1895....	<hr/> 91 62
	<hr/> \$1,370 79

V. LEGACY ACCOUNT.

From Jesse H. Gery, executor of Jesse Gery, East Greenville, Pa.....	\$950 00
Loaned to Trinity Mission, Altoona, Pa.....	\$950 00

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*J. O. MILLER,
A. C. WHITMER.

Hummelstown, Pa., Sept. 18, 1895.

Audited Sept. 23, 1895, and found correct.

TO THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Rev. and Dear Brethren:—The Board of Foreign Missions would very respectfully beg leave to lay before your Reverend Body a general statement of the fortunes, the present condition and the outlook of our work in the Empire of Japan. We rejoice in being able to say that we come to you bearing glad tidings. Since last it was our privilege to address you, great changes have transpired in Japan, affecting not only its national and political interests, but also its relation to the work of Christian Missions within its bounds. At the outbreak and during the earlier stages of the recent war with China, grave apprehensions were entertained as to the effect it might have upon the diffusion of Christianity, but aside from a spirit of indifference

sequence of a simultaneous special effort in the interest of another branch of our church work.

Of the presence in this country, on furlough, of our Missionary, Rev. W. E. Hoy, it is hardly needful that we speak. He is laboriously visiting our churches in furtherance of the cause to which he has consecrated his life. He is expected to be with you at your present meeting, and we heartily commend him to your most favorable consideration as an untiring, devoted and most faithful missionary of Jesus Christ. He will speak to you for himself.

In conclusion the Board would most earnestly request your Reverend Body to repeat the apportionment indicated by General Synod, and as experience has proved the efficiency and necessity of the self-denial effort, to appoint the coming lenten season, as a special time for earnest prayer and self-denial for the help and advancement of our blessed work of Foreign Missions.

By order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

Mechanicsburg, Pa., August 27, 1895.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to present their report.

The following papers have been referred to us for consideration, viz :

I. The report of the Bi-Synodic or Advisory Board, Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent, containing the report of the Treasurer, J. J. Nisley. The Board expresses its gratitude to God for the revival of business and for the promise of easier finances during the coming year. It calls the attention of the Synod to the growth of the Hungarian work and its claims upon the Church. It is with pleasure, also, that we note the growing number of church-building funds—two having been added during the present year—making thirty in all.

Resolved, That we learn with gratitude and joy of the prosperity of the work of Home Missions, and again commend this sacred cause to the sympathy, prayers and liberality of the people.

II. The annual report of the General Board of Missions.

1. We learn from the report that the Missions under the care of the Board were never in a more prosperous condition. Since April, 1894, a number of Missions have become self-sustaining, aside from those so marked. In April, 1895, there were ninety-five Missions on the roll, and of this number several have become self-supporting since then, and others only receive small allowance from the Board. Five new Missions have been enrolled, and, but for the lack of means, many more might have been enrolled in promising fields.

2. *The Chicago Mission.*—Last year the Synod assumed \$1,000 for this work, and apportioned the same on the several Classes of the Synod. We recommend the following:

Resolved, that the attention of delinquent Classes be again called to this apportionment and the necessity of its early payment urged.

3. *The Harbor Mission.*—The Board calls the attention of the Classes and Synods to the condition of the Treasury as regards this Mission. The entire income of the Board for this work from April, 1894, to April, 1895—\$564.03. The amount needed for this work—\$1,000.

Resolved, That the Synod assume \$200 of this amount and the same be apportioned on the Classes of the Synod.

4. *The Hungarian Work.*—The report of this work is most encouraging. There are now seven missionaries in the field and under the care of the Board. The sum of money apportioned on this Synod for the support of the work is \$500.

Resolved, That the Synod accept this amount and apportion the same.

5. The Board calls attention to the necessity of supporting the fund of church building. We recommend the action taken by this Synod in previous years, that six cents per member be contributed to this cause.

6. The apportionment for Home Missions is \$9,000.

Resolved, That the Synod accept this amount, and apportion the same upon the several Classes of the Synod.

III. From the report of the Board of Foreign Missions we learn that the work under the care of the Board is in a most prosperous condition. No evil effects have been suffered from the late war between China and Japan, except a slight decrease in the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin. In the widespread distribution of the Sacred Scriptures as one of the beneficial results of the war, we have a signal proof of the truth that God maketh the wrath of man to praise Him.

There has been a slight increase in the number of pupils in the Girls' School. At the last commencement six young men graduated from the Theological Department, five from the Collegiate Department, and five from the Girls' School.

The Board reports with deep regret the death of Mr. Kaneko and refers to the loss which the institutions of the Church in Japan sustain in consequence.

We note with pleasure the inauguration by the Classis of Philadelphia, with the aid of the other Classes of the Church, of the erection of the Kaneko Memorial Building.

Resolved, That we commend this enterprise to the favorable consideration of those of our brethren whom God has blessed with means.

It is with profound thankfulness that we record the fact that the W. M. S. G. S. has generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School.

The Board tenders its hearty thanks to the Church for the favorable response made to its enlarged necessities and earnestly requests your Reverend Body to repeat the apportionment of last year.

Your committee suggests the following for adoption.

Resolved, That Synod assumes (\$5,100) for the work of Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That Synod designate the first week of the coming Lenten season as a period for self-denial offerings for the work of Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. LEVAN, *Chairman*.

The communication of Rev. J. G. Schmid, of the Portland-Oregon Classis, noted as item 4 of Report on Overtures, was referred first to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration, but that committee failing to report action in the case acceptable to the majority of the Synod, it was referred to a special committee, composed of Revs. G. A. Snyder, E. R. Deatrick and Elder J. L. Weber. This committee, after wrestling with the matter for some time, presented the following report (substantially agreeing with what had been recommended by the Standing Committee on Missions), near the close of the Synod, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The special committee to whom was referred the matter pertaining to the Missions within the bounds of the Portland, Oregon, Classis begs leave to report the following:

From the report of the Bi-Synodic Board, the Minutes of the Portland-Oregon Classis, and likewise through a communication from Rev. J. G. Schmid, who had been elected as delegate primarius to the present meeting of the Synod, making a touching appeal to the Synod, as the mother of the Portland-Oregon Classis, not to cast them off, but to continue to support the Missions, which were under the care of the Board of this Synod until October 1, 1895, we learn that the Board of Home Missions has taken action discontinuing appropriations to the Missions within the bounds of said Classis, and that such action on the part of the Board causes the Classis to feel aggrieved. We

further learn that the Classis assembled in regular session took action to the end that she will zealously and earnestly endeavor to save the interests of the Reformed Church within her bounds. Therefore be it

Resolved, That while we deeply sympathize with the Portland-Oregon Classis, and sincerely deplore the condition of things pertaining to the missions within their bounds, we still endorse the action of the Board of Home Missions in withdrawing appropriations.

Resolved, further, That we express our gratitude to the faithful brethren of the Portland-Oregon Classis for their firm purpose to continue true to the Interests of the Reformed Church, with the hope that in the providence of God, they may solve this problem, which is of much concern to them and to us, to the glory of our common Lord.

Resolved, That an official copy of the foregoing action be transmitted to the Portland-Oregon Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. SNYDER, *Chairman*.

The following was moved and adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod learns with pleasure that the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod has generously assumed the entire support of the Girls' School in Sendai, Japan, and that we heartily recommend to the Woman's Missionary Society of this Synod, this noble undertaking.

Under item 13 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the Special Committee, appointed two years ago to effect a Synodical Missionary Society, submitted its report, which was received, considered item by item, amended and then adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows, viz :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE ORGANIZATION OF A SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Committee to whom was re-committed the matter of organizing a Synodical Missionary Society beg leave to present the following report, to wit :

The Committee held a meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., September 10, 1895. Representatives were present from Mercersburg and Carlisle (Classes), and also Mrs. M. E. Whitmore and Miss R. H. Schiveley, who, by the action of Synod in 1893, were appointed to coöperate with the Committee.

After careful consideration of the matter committed to the Committee, the following was unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, The instructions of the Synod to the Committee touching the organization of a Synodical Missionary Society, as contained in the printed minutes of its last two annual meetings, do not appear to the Committee to be altogether clear and entirely consistent throughout; therefore,

Resolved, That the Constitution adopted at the meeting held in Green-castle, Pa., in September, 1894, be so revised as to make it conform to the action of Synod, so far as that action is understood by the Committee, and that the Constitution, thus revised, be submitted as a part of the Committee's report to the Synod, at its approaching annual meeting in Frederick, Md., for its consideration, and, if satisfactory, for its sanction.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman*.

CONSTITUTION

FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Society shall be: To encourage the formation of auxiliary societies, to disseminate missionary intelligence; to arouse enthusiasm in the work; and to raise funds for missionary purposes.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer; these officers to be elected at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

The membership of this Society shall consist of three delegates from each Classis or Classical Missionary Society, and one delegate each from other auxiliary societies in unrepresented Classes.

ARTICLE V.

The Society shall hold an annual meeting for the transaction of all necessary business, at such time and place as may be determined upon by it.

ARTICLE VI.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, and have a general supervision of its work. In the absence of the President the Vice-President shall preside.

ARTICLE VII.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a complete roll of all the delegates, and a correct record of the proceedings of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer shall keep a record showing all receipts and disbursements, shall pay only orders of the Society or Executive Committee drawn on the Treasurer and signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and shall at each annual meeting present an itemized statement of moneys received and disbursed.

ARTICLE IX.

The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the general correspondence of the Society, notify the members of the Executive Committee of the time and place of meeting, and promptly communicate to it any information in regard to missionary work necessary to its successful operation.

ARTICLE X.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Society, the President being *ex-officio* Chairman of it. This committee shall have power to dispose of all business which may claim attention between the annual meetings of the Society. It may pay out moneys, under the provisions of this Constitution, and shall transact such other business of the Society as would suffer from being delayed until the annual meeting. It shall meet at the call of the President, and a majority of members shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that two weeks' written notice of the proposed change be previously sent to the Executive Committee and the approval of the Synod be secured.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of Synod Rev. C. A. Santee was elected a member of the Synodic Board of Missions for the term of four years.

At the same election Rev. A. C. Whitmer was duly nominated as the Synod's choice for Superintendent of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. C. A. Santee, for four years; Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller, for three years; Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore, for two years, and Rev. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

Finance.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 18, 1895.

Dr.

Received.

From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fund	\$76 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	57 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	76—	\$183 78
" Maryland Classis for Contingent Fund	146 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	110 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	41 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions	69 00	
" " " Calvin College	18 65	
" " " Church Building	187 00	
" " " Chicago Mission Church	40 00—	606 65
" Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fund	58 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	44 00	
" " " Chicago Mission Church	98 00—	200 00
" Virginia Classis for Contingent Fund, 2 years	76 00	
" " " Contingent Fund, 2 years, General Synod	56 00	
" " " Theological Seminary, 2 years	35 00	
" " " Calvin College	21 00	
" " " Chicago Mission Church	66 00—	254 00
" Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fund	98 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	70 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	12 00—	175 00
" Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fund	42 00	
" " " Contingent Fund, General Synod	32 00	
" " " Theological Seminary	4 77	
" " " Chicago Mission Church	25 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions	17 00—	130 77
" Juniata Classis for Contingent Fund	58 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	67 00—	155 00
" North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fund	49 00	
" " " Contingent Fund General Synod	87 00—	86 00
" Portland, Oregon, Classis for Foreign Missions	25 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer October 12th, 1894	1,763 55	
		<u>\$3,519 78</u>

Or.

1894.		Expenditures.	
October 22.		By cash paid telegram greeting to Presbyterian Synod	\$ 58
" 24.		" " " Mr. W. Fisher, printing tickets . .	1 25
November 10.		" " " Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., expense of Synod	25 00
" 10.		By cash paid Rev. G. W. Snyder, traveling expenses .	84
December 24.		By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., interest on Stoudenour Legacy due December 12, 1894 . . .	12 00
" 24.		By cash paid Reformed Church Publication House for publishing Minutes of Synod . . .	212 00
" 24.		By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., postage and expressage	13 00
1895.			
January 4.		By cash paid Hanover S. F. Society, box sent for 1895	5 00
May 14.		By cash paid to Rev. J. S. Kieffer, D. D., expense attending a meeting of Board of Visitors . . .	8 80
" 23.		By cash paid Rev. E. B. Eschbach, D. D., expense attending a meeting of Board of Visitors . . .	3 00
" 23.		By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechbill legacy	12 00
" 29.		By cash paid J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer, for Foreign Missions	25 00
June 13.		By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission	25 00
" 19.		By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	48 00
" 26.		By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D. D., salary as Stated Clerk	100 00
July 5.		By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, D. D., expense attending meeting of Board of Visitors	4 75
August 3.		By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for church building	127 75
September 13.		By cash paid Edgar Slagle, salary as Treasurer to January 1, 1896	100 00
October 15.		By cash paid John B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary	75 00
" 15.		By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for church building	59 25
" 15.		By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	38 00
" 15.		By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission	40 00
" 15.		By cash paid Christ. G. Gross, Treasurer, balance of assessment of General Synod for Contingent Fund .	240 00
" 17.		By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission	164 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer			2,185 05
			\$3,519 78

Respectfully submitted,

Hanover, Pa., October 13, 1895.

EDGAR SLAGLE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows;

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and have found it correct.

The several amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows: Foreign Missions, \$5,100; Home Missions, \$9,000; Hungarian Missions, \$500; Beneficiary Education, \$4,200; Theological Seminary, Education and Current Expenses, \$475; Contingent Fund of Synod, \$500; English Mission Church of Chicago, \$82; Harbor Missions, \$200; Calvin College, \$300; and for Church Building, six cents per member.

These several amounts your Committee has apportioned as follows:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$2,485; Gettysburg Classis, \$1,522; Juniata Classis, \$1,450; Zion's Classis, \$1,299; Mercersburg Classis, \$974; Carlisle Classis, \$655; Virginia Classis, \$651; total, \$9,036.

Foreign Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$1,247; Gettysburg Classis, \$772; Juniata Classis, \$748; Zion's Classis, \$636; Mercersburg Classis, \$477; North Carolina Classis, \$428; Carlisle Classis, \$358; Virginia Classis, \$342; total, \$5,008.

Hungarian Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$124; Gettysburg Classis, \$77; Juniata Classis, \$76; Zion's Classis, \$64; Mercersburg Classis, \$49; North Carolina Classis, \$44; Carlisle Classis, \$37; Virginia Classis, \$35; total, \$506.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$976; Juniata Classis, \$725; Gettysburg Classis, \$600; Zion's Classis, \$499; Mercersburg Classis, \$450; Carlisle Classis, \$350; Virginia Classis, \$300; North Carolina Classis, \$300; total, \$4,200.

Theological Seminary, Elocution and Current Expenses.—Maryland Classis, \$125; Juniata Classis, \$78; Gettysburg Classis, \$73; Mercersburg Classis, \$50; Zion's Classis, \$60; Carlisle Classis, \$34; Virginia Classis, \$30; North Carolina Classis, \$25; total, \$475.

Calvin College.—Maryland Classis, \$74; Gettysburg Classis, \$46; Juniata Classis, \$45; Zion's Classis, \$38; Mercersburg Classis, \$29; North Carolina Classis, \$25; Carlisle Classis, \$22; Virginia Classis, \$21; total, \$300.

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Maryland Classis, \$133; Gettysburg Classis, \$81; Juniata Classis, \$77; Zion's Classis, \$70; Mercersburg Classis, \$52; North Carolina Classis, \$42; Carlisle Classis, \$36; Virginia Classis, \$35; total, \$526.

Chicago Mission Church.—Maryland Classis, \$22; Juniata Classis, \$13; Gettysburg Classis, \$13; Mercersburg Classis, \$12; Zion's Classis, \$10; Carlisle Classis, \$6; Virginia Classis, \$6; total, \$82.

Church Building.—Six cents per member.

Harbor Mission.—Maryland Classis, \$49; Gettysburg Classis, \$30; Juniata Classis, \$29; Zion's Classis, \$25; Mercersburg Classis, \$20; North Carolina Classis, \$18; Carlisle Classis, \$15; Virginia Classis, \$14; total, \$200.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

ARREARAGES.

The following are the arrearages still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$80.69; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$35.00. Making \$105.69.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$44.29; and Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5.00. Making \$49.29.

Chicago Mission Church.—Maryland Classis, \$208.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$154.00; Juniata Classis, \$152.00; Zion's Classis, \$128.00; North Carolina Classis, \$82.00 (reapportioned among the other Classes), and Carlisle Classis, \$47.00.

Beneficiary Education.—Zions Classis, \$499.00; Maryland Classis, \$290.77; Juniata Classis, \$265.79, and Gettysburg Classis, \$125.00.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Treasurer of Home Missions of the General Synod two hundred dollars out of funds on hand for Harbor Missions, the Synod having failed to make an apportionment for Harbor Missions last year.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Board of Trustees present to your honorable body the following report:

The account of the Treasurer of Synod showing the receipts from investments in his hands and the expenditures during the past year (all of which has been audited and examined by committee appointed) is respectfully submitted for your inspection and approval.

As the Rev. J. G. Noss, the member elected by your Synod last year, has now removed into the Eastern Synod, it devolves upon this Synod to elect another member for his unexpired term.

The term of George N. Forney will expire January 1, 1896, and it will be necessary to elect his successor, as by the Act of Incorporation he is not eligible for reelection.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. FORNEY, *Secretary.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years, from January 1, 1896, and Rev. F. F. Bahner for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, five years; Rev. F. F. Bahner, four years; Elder Edgar Slagle, three years; Elder Jacob N. Slagle, two years, and Elder Henry M. Schmuck, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

Appeals and References.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

Complaints.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Sunday-Schools.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the Session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received, referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday-schools and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Sunday-school Board begs leave to offer the following report: Whilst since the establishment of your Board in 1873 there has often been doubt expressed as to the necessity of its existence, that doubt has become more pronounced since the establishment of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board at Reading, Pa., in 1893. The latter Board has directed the Sunday-school work of the Church, so far as that has been possible since the time of its appointment.

Your Board met and organized at the close of the Synod at York, Pa., last October, but during the year has held no meetings.

Rev. R. L. Gerhart, through the Board, presents to the Synod a bill for traveling expenses to the annual meeting of Mercersburg Classis in May, 1894, of \$10.75.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. STEWART, *Secretary*.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the bill of the Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Sunday-schools respectfully report that there was placed in our hands the report of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod.

From this report we are gratified to learn that the Sunday-school work of our Church has been carried forward with commendable zeal and was attended with a marked degree of success.

The Treasurer of the Board reports the offerings of "Children's Day" to be some \$3,000. The expenses for publishing the service "Beautiful Zion," including postage, etc., amounted to \$637.94, and the sales to other Churches mainly to the Reformed Church in America amounted to \$254.38, leaving the cost to our Board \$383.56. The total receipts of the "Children's Day" offerings amount to about the retail price of the number of copies used. Hence virtually the general Sunday-school, work including Sunday-school missions, is supported by the profits of the "Children's Day" service which profits, if the Board did not issue a service, would go almost wholly into the hands of music publishers. It should be remembered also that the giving of copies of the service, free of charge, permits many schools to observe "Children's Day" which otherwise could not do so.

Fully one-half of the traveling expenses (\$207.95) were covered by collections and cash given for that purpose.

We learn further that the Board in its plan of Sunday-school mission work instructs its Sunday-school missionary that he is to *coöperate* with the Committee of Classis and to respect their counsel and wishes, and not to labor within the bounds of a Classis except with the approval and under the supervision of its appropriate committee, thus avoiding complaints from the Classes and charges.

The number of schools organized through the Sunday-school Board was six, with a total of 431 officers, teachers and scholars, and the number organized indirectly and aided by grants of literature nineteen, with a total enrollment of over 2,000.

To aid the Sunday-school Board of the Church in the prosecution of its noble work within our bounds, your Committee recommends for adoption the following requests of the General Board:

1. That Synod of the Potomac urge upon the Classes a united movement to increase the Sunday-school membership of the Reformed Church, and that it be solemnly laid upon the heart and conscience of church members and the Sunday-school workers. Let persistent and definite effort be urged upon pastors and consistories and their schools to have a Sunday-school enrollment equal to or larger than the Church membership.

2. That the attention of the several Classes be again directed to the observance of "Children's Day," and the schools reminded that a blessed part of the services of this day is the presentation of offerings to carry on the work of the General Sunday-school Board, especially Sunday-school missions throughout our land.

3. That the Classes request pastors to remember that the work of Sunday-school missions depends for its support upon the offerings of Children's Day; that it is an appeal to Sunday-schools. It is carried forward in accord with Reformed Church polity, missionaries laboring under the supervision of Classes or their appropriate committees and schools always being organized with a view to the regular Church organization, or as an outpost and feeder to some neighboring church.

4. That the Classes urge their respective pastors and consistories to remember that the responsibility for the growth and efficiency of the Sunday-schools of the Church rests primarily upon them, and that only in proportion to their diligent interest and loving activity in teaching and training the children, and in gathering them in, as well as in interesting the Church membership in systematic Bible study, can the Reformed Sunday-school work be truly advanced to the high standard which its importance demands.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. W. I. Stewart was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years, and Rev. M. O. Noll for one year.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. W. I. Stewart, five years; Elder G. S. Griffith, four years; Rev. A. T. G. Apple, three years; Rev. I. N. Peightel, two years, and Rev. M. O. Noll, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

Church Government.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

Publication.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 20 of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted :

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had twenty-five hundred copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twenty-second Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, at the cost of \$212. The bill was paid promptly by the Treasurer of Synod. The Minutes were ready for distribution, and were distributed in December.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, 1895.

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods :

Dear Brethren :—The Board of Publication is gratified to report that with each succeeding year evidences multiply of increasing interest and approval in

the existing method of conducting the affairs of your publication interests. It is also gratifying to note that many of those, who at first conscientiously opposed, now join heartily with those who advocated the departure made in 1887, in commending the present plan and the foresight which prompted it.

The publications themselves are favorably criticised, as practically evidenced in the increasing number of patrons and subscribers, especially to *The Messenger*, your chief organ. This particular publication is held in high esteem, and justly takes rank among the leading religious journals of the day.

The business side of the present plan of conducting your publications is so obvious as to preclude further comment.

These features would suggest, therefore, that an interest so well established in favor, and prosecuted under conditions so advantageous to the Church should be carefully conserved and its future usefulness and growth not impaired by ill-advised changes or divided support. Believing this, the Board bespeaks for this interest your continued favor and support.

The annual meeting of the Board was held in Philadelphia on the 4th day of September, 1895, at which the committee for that purpose reported that the books of the lessee had been examined and the receipts for the year found to be \$37,433.80, an increase of \$2,317.41 over the previous year. This amount being below the limit fixed as the basis for the guarantee, the Treasurer was paid the \$1,200 bonus as provided in the lease.

At this meeting the Treasurer reported total funds in hand of \$10,721.81, of which \$996.81 were in cash and \$9,725 in investments, yielding from 5 to 6 per cent. interest.

The attention of the respective Synods is called to the expiration, on January 1, 1896, of the term of S. Hoeflich, of Potomac Synod, and B. Wolff, Jr., of Pittsburgh Synod.

Attest:

Philadelphia, October 1, 1895.

G. S. GRIFFITH *President*.
EDWARD J. DUBAN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Friday morning, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee respectfully reports that the only document coming into our hands and claiming our consideration was the annual report of the Board of Publication. From that report we glean the following facts for the information of this Synod:

At the annual meeting of the Board in Philadelphia on the 4th day of September, 1895, a committee previously appointed for the purpose reported that the books of the lessee had been examined and that the receipts for the year were found to be \$37,433.80, an increase of \$2,317.41 over the previous year. This amount being below the limit fixed at the basis of the guarantee, the Treasurer was paid the \$1,200 bonus as provided in the lease.

At the same meeting the Treasurer of the Board reported the total funds in his hands as being \$10,721.81, of which \$996.81 were in cash and \$9,725 in investments, yielding from five to six per cent. interest.

The Board calls the attention of this Synod to the fact that the term of Mr. Samuel Hoeflich, as one of its members, will expire on the 1st of January, 1896.

Your committee suggests the following action by your reverend body touching the matter in hand:

Resolved, That this Synod has learned with pleasure of the success attending the operations of our Publication Board, during the past year, as practically shown in the increasing number of patrons and subscribers to its vari-

ous publications, especially *The Messenger*, its chief organ, which is justly held in high esteem and takes rank among the leading religious journals of the day.

Resolved, That this Synod anew calls the attention of all our Classes, pastors, consistories and congregations to the importance of a still wider circulation and more hearty and generous support of the several publications of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Samuel Hoeflich was elected a member of the Board of Publication to serve for four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder S. Hoeflich, for four years; and Elder G. S. Griffith, for three years.

ARTICLE XXI.

Miscellaneous.

During the session of Thursday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of Friday afternoon's session. At the time designated the election was held, Revs. G. P. Fisher, H. N. Bassler, and Elders J. N. Slagle and R. L. Gray acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-schools and Publication.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

Two communications have been referred to us, viz: The annual statement of St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Pa., and Bethany Orphan Home, Womelsdorf, Pa. From these reports we ascertain that both Homes are in a prosperous condition. The affairs of the same are conducted economically and in a practical manner. They endeavor to look after the best interests of the children, both morally and spiritually, and see to it that they are all trained in every way, so as to develop full and true manhood and womanhood. It is estimated that it costs about \$100 to maintain a child at these Homes. Care is taken so that only those who are actually needy and worthy are admitted within the Homes. To all such their doors are open to children from our Synod as well as from other portions of the Church.

There are now at St. Paul's Orphan Home ninety children. Of these twelve are from our own Synod. Last year our Synod contributed for their support less than \$700, which was only a little more than half of what was required to maintain them at the Home. The Board and Superintendent kindly call our attention to this fact and urge the Synod to raise sufficient funds to support its children.

Bethany Orphan Home now numbers 112, and five more admitted will shortly enter the Home. Of this number, at present, there are sixteen from our Synod. All of these are dependent upon the Church at large for support, as they have no boarders.

The Synod is asked to kindly give this Home its hearty support, so that the family may be brought through the winter before them.

In view of these facts, we offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we commend these Orphan Homes to the sympathy, prayers and generous support of our Classes, pastors and people, that the needs of the children may be supplied and the embarrassments of the Homes relieved.

Resolved, That we further recommend to our Classes, pastors and consistories to remember that the orphans from the bounds of our Synod are almost equally divided between St. Paul's and Bethany Orphan Homes, and that both deserve a share of our offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. STOVER, *Chairman*.

Revs. Dr. P. C. Prugh, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, claims and needs of their respective Homes.

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac.

Dear Fathers and Brethren.—Inclosed find the annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, which we ask to be incorporated in the Minutes of your venerable body.

As Treasurer permit me to state that the following sums have been received during the past year from the different Classes, to wit:

Maryland, \$180.70; Gettysburg, \$177.88; Zion's, \$62.23; Mercersburg, \$51.43; Virginia, \$30; Carlisle, \$17.62; making in all, \$519.86. During the past year the Society has paid to ten annuitants, in your bounds, \$825. That is to say \$105.14 more than was received. Of the new applicants for aid at least two are from your Synod. From these facts it will appear that there is need for greater liberality and larger giving to the causes of relief by the different Classes. With the prayer for the presence and guidance of the Holy

Ghost in your deliberations. I am your co-laborer in the service of our common Lord and Master.

SIMON L. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

Mount Pleasant, Md., October 22, 1895.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers, presents for publication in the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the year closing September 30, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury as per last report	\$2,796.34
" from matured loan	2,000.00
" " collections in the churches	1,442.47
" " royalty on church hymnal	715.80
" " interest on investments	647.50
" " Pittsburgh Synod, special	325.00
" " miscellaneous sources	221.66
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	\$8,148.77

EXPENDITURES.

Paid forty-two annuitants	\$2,633.42
" for investment	2,000.00
" " expenses	138.72
Cash in Treasury Sept. 30, 1895	3,376.63
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	\$8,148.77

Of the cash in the treasury all possibly will be needed to meet the appropriations made by the Society at its annual meeting, October 22, 1895, as there will be at least five new applications.

In the past year the membership has increased by the addition of twenty life and one annual members, as follows:

Life Members.—Revs. Josiah May, John Naille, Samuel Kuhn, Alpha K. Kline, Rudolph Duenger, D. D., Alfred F. Driesbach, Ph. D., Alfred P. Horn, Chas. W. Levan, Hiram J. Macalister, Jas. W. Mabry, Franklin W. Smith, Wm. J. Kershner, Reuben Rahausser, Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., Wm. G. Engle, Oliver H. Strunk, Hiram J. Frantz, Abraham Bartholomew, Geo. B. Resser and Geo. P. Stem.

Annual Member.—Rev. Sigismund Romeis.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatricks, D. D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.; Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.; Rev. Simon S. Miller, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

The following action was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested

to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

WICHITA UNIVERSITY.

Item 3 of Report on Overtures was referred for consideration to a special committee composed of Revs, J. O. Miller, C. A. Santee and Elder J. E. Roller. This Committee near the close of Synod presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Special Committee to whom were referred the papers setting forth the financial condition of Wichita University, and asking for some material encouragement, begs leave to report that we have carefully examined the frank report of the officers of the University, and regret the circumstances that have compelled them to shut the doors. They say, however, that they are hopeful; that some "great things" can yet be accomplished if they can secure material aid from the East. We earnestly hope they may find some way of realizing their hopes. Your committee, however, is convinced that this Synod is not prepared to supplement the \$4,000 already given them for the same purpose. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be and is hereby instructed to reply to this overture to the effect that it is out of our power to furnish such material aid.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman*.

The following preamble and resolution were moved and adopted, namely:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Michael Schlatter, the great organizer of our Reformed congregations in the United States, began his pioneer work in the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac, in May, 1747, it is eminently right and proper that the 150th anniversary of this notable event should be commemorated during 1897 by suitable memorial services; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee, with the President of Synod as Chairman, be appointed to report at the annual meeting of the Synod in Altoona, next year, a suitable programme of services in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the organizations of Reformed congregations in the territory of the Synod of the Potomac.

The committee called for in the foregoing resolution consists of Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. S. Kieffer and G. A. Whitmore.

At the opening session of Wednesday Revs. J. D. Miller, E. R. Deatrick and C. W. Levan, were constituted a reportorial committee to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment the committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Press Committee, appointed by the Synod, to furnish daily reports of the proceedings for publication in the papers of the day, begs leave to report that such abstracts have been furnished to the *Daily News*, of Frederick; the *Baltimore American*, and *Sun*, of Baltimore, and the *Altoona Tribune*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman*.

Revs. J. C. Bowman, E. R. Eshbach and Elder E. A. Shriner were constituted a special committee to devise a plan for the transaction of business of the Synod not in conflict with the Rules of Synod; said Committee to report to the next annual meeting.

Revs. I. M. Motter, F. F. Bahner and Elder S. Hoeflich were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence. Shortly before final adjournment the committee reported, which was adopted, and the leave of absence is noted by the letter appended to the names of delegates excused on the roll of *Delegates Present*.

Professor Chas W. Ely, Superintendent of the Maryland Institution for the Deaf, located at Frederick, Md., kindly extended an invitation to the Synod to visit said Institution. The invitation was accepted and at 3.30 o'clock on Friday afternoon the Synod in a body made the visit.

A similar invitation was made to the Synod to visit the Woman's College of Frederick, by President J. H. Apple, on Wednesday afternoon, which was accepted and the visit made to said Institution in a body by the Synod. On Friday night, after the services in the church, a generous reception was likewise given the members of Synod by President Apple and associates of the Woman's College.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the pastor of the Church in which the sessions of Synod were held twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

ARTICLE XXII.

Ministerial Necrology.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Wednesday afternoon, which was received and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to submit the following report:

But two of our number were taken to another sphere since the last meeting. We note:

REV. HENRY W. HOFFMEIER.

On the 12th of April, 1895, early on Good Friday, Henry W. Hoffmeier entered into rest. He was the eldest son of Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier, of

bleased memory. Brother Hoffmeier was born at Lancaster, Pa., December 26, 1832, and died at the age of 62. Born into the Kingdom by baptism, at the hands of his grandfather, Rev. John H. Hoffmeier, in due time, after proper instruction, he was confirmed by his father at Womelsdorf, Pa. He became a druggist, which he followed for a number of years, when he felt himself called to the work of the ministry and entered the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg in the fall of 1866, and remained until 1868, when he was licensed to preach by the Classis of Lancaster, then in session at Manheim. On the 14th of June, 1868, he was ordained at Altoona by Mercersburg Classis. He was settled as pastor in the Yellow Creek charge, Bedford County, Pa., after that the Mill Creek charge, Shenandoah County, Va., and afterward the Zion Valley charge, Armstrong County, Pa. After resigning this charge he became agent for the "Church Publishing Board," where he did good services. Because of declining health he relinquished the active duties of the ministry and settled at Middletown, Md., and became proprietor of the drug store in that place. As his health permitted and opportunity offered he preached, his sermons always being instructive and edifying. He was unassuming, honest in his convictions and consistent in his life, as a man and a minister. He was never married, was frail in body and for years had not known good health. The contest waged for years finally closed and he entered into his rest. His remains rest in the beautiful cemetery adjoining the Reformed Church, Middletown, Md.

"To die is landing on some silent shore,
Where billows never break nor tempests roar;
Ere well we feel the friendly stroke 'tis o'er."

REV. CALVIN U. HEILMAN.

A faithful and efficient minister and servant of Christ! Born in Heilmandale, Lebanon County, Pa., in 1840, he was the only son of George Heilman, and died at Petersburg, Huntingdon County, Pa., on the 24th of July, 1895. He was given to the Lord in Holy Baptism, and in due time became a member of the Church by confirmation, entering into full communion, participating in the blessed means of grace. After preparation he entered Franklin and Marshall College, graduating in 1862 and entered the Theological Seminary the same year, leaving in 1864. He was licensed by the Eastern Synod, at Lancaster, in 1864, became an assistant to Rev. Henry Heckerman, then pastor at Bedford, Pa., where he remained for about six months. He was called to the pastorate known as the St. Clairsville charge, where he settled in the summer of 1865. In this charge he was ordained to the Holy Ministry by a committee of Mercersburg Classis, August 19, 1865, and installed pastor the following day, August 20th, services in the St. Clairsville church. This charge was composed of five congregations in the Counties of Bedford and Blair. It covered a large territory, requiring constant, unwearied labor, to which, as a young pastor, he consecrated himself. In the course of a few years he had the satisfaction of seeing the fruits of his self-denying labor. The charge was ripe for division, new churches were built, the division followed and two self-supporting charges were the result. This was accomplished, amidst much labor, toil, anxiety and care, by faith and Christian heroism and the continued blessing of God. Being financially successful in his great work he was called to become the financial agent for Franklin and Marshall College, in 1872, where he rendered excellent service. In 1875 he resigned this trust and accepted a call to the Elk, Lick charge, Somerset, County, Pa. His influence made itself felt while here, in building up and strengthening what was at hand. We next find this earnest and laborious servant of Christ at Alexandria, Huntingdon County, Pa., where his labors told for Christ and the Church. But a few years ago, in 1893, he accepted a call to the Greencastle charge and entered

upon the work with the same earnestness and zeal as in former years, although at times admonished of impending trouble, the foundation for which was laid in the past years of his restless life. In a short time after his settlement he was obliged to intermit service for a brief space in the hope that some rest would restore him to health and strength. In this he was disappointed and in June last arranged to take a long vacation, his pulpit meanwhile supplied, in the hope that with a change of location and medical care he would be enabled to resume his life's work. He found a home with some kind friends at Petersburg, Pa., where he tarried for a few days, living between hope and fear. The contest soon ended, death obtained its prize, but this faithful servant of God the victory. Here he breathed his last peacefully, in the hope of a blessed immortality. Thus closes an active, useful life, full of labor and toil.

"There is a Reaper whose name is Death,
And, with his Sickle keen,
He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

Rev. C. U. Heilman was an earnest and conscientious minister, faithful to his trust; he had the confidence of the Church, was one of the executors of the Wilhelm estate; a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College; a member of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and so in the midst of usefulness the call came and he was taken away. But with the faithful preceding him and us, we are still linked to them and are in the same communion and fellowship, and we toil on and labor until life's work is done, when the faithful shall pass beyond and join the redeemed of all ages. Our Christian faith falters not, but clings to and firmly holds the Articles of Hope, believing in the Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. SANTEE, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

Resumption and Close.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be returned to the pastor, consistory and members of the Evangelical Reformed Church of Frederick, and other citizens, for their kind entertainment and generous hospitality extended to us during our present sojourn among them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned by the Stated Clerk to the management of the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio and the Western Maryland Railroads for the favor of reduced rates to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and Rev. F. C. Yost and Elder J. B. Zimmerman failing to respond to the call of their names, were noted as absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Adjournment.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in Trinity Reformed Church of Altoona, Blair County, Pa., Tuesday evening, October 18, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 28th, at 10 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing the Gloria in Excelsis, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS. CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHURCHES.	No. of Cong.	Members.		Unconfrim'd.	Bapt'ns		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunic'd.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions		Post Office Address.
			Members.	Unconfrim'd.		Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.									Beneficent Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.	
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.....	Trinity 1st Ref. York.	1	370	102	17	7	21	6	329	9	8	12	2	495	50	564	1	\$768	\$2866	118 S. Duke St. York, Pa.
Aaron Spangler.....	Trinity	7	590	289	52	4	47	7	469	1	2	15	12	564	50	564		146	1020	507 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Reuben Rehauser.....	Without Charge.																			119 Strawberry St., Lancaster, Pa.
Oliver P. Schellhammer.....	Paradise.	4	995	605	81	5	20	6	896	6		19	12	94	925	64		515	2435	413 W. Philadelphia St., York, "
Aaron H. Leisner.....	Dillsburg.	4	254	141	8	1	5	6	164	2	9	9	4	24	354	64		569	545	Dillsburg, York County, "
Isaac N. Peightel.....	Grace Ref., York.	1	216	128	15	1	5	16	197	4	8	2	1	28	354	1		215	1330	North Hardley St., York, "
Morgan A. Peters.....	Zion's Ref. "	1	485	276	27	4	15	23	377	4	26	1	8	41	416	2		367	1985	411 W. Philadelphia St., York, "
Francis C. Yost.....	Heidelberg, "	1	888	175	10	12	50	14	211	3	95	8	1	41	416	2		164	1700	18 S. Queen St., York, "
Gideon P. Fisher.....	Kreutz Creek.	9	317	289	24	12	50	14	211	3	1	9	1	77	582	1		325	1030	Hellam, York County, "
Gerny Weber.....	Glen Rock.	8	390	190	9	6	33	6	339	4	1	8	3	8	290	1		182	745	Glen Rock, "
Hiram J. Hillegas.....	Shrewsbury	4	599	325	20	7	23	13	390	4	11	1	4	314	1			202	1057	Shrewsbury, " "
Charles P. Kehl.....	St. John's.	2	88	54	9		9	10	71	8	3	1	2	16	314	1		30	758	Red Lion, " "
Charles P. Kehl, supply...	Mt. Pleasant.	2	114	70	5		4		96			3	8	210				490	"	" "
Wm. H. Loomis.....		33	4642	2502	277	46	265	184	3779	33	169	118	46	397	4749	5		\$3527	\$15906	
Total, 18.	12																			

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS	CHARGE.	Congregations			Baptism's Additions.			Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Studies for Ministry.	Contributions		Post Office Address.
		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate and Repression.	Commenced.								Benefactor Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.	
Joseph W. Santee, D. D.	Without Charge.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Cavetown, Md.
Geo. L. Staley, D. D.	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1628 N. Calvert St., Baltimore
Edmund R. Ezechach, D. D.	Ev. Ref. Ch. Fred'ck.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Clearspring, "
William Goodrich, D. D.	Clearspring.	2	200	90	1	4	170	3	14	4	25	69	600	600	\$1615	\$3025	900 Frederick, "
J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D.	Zin Ch. Hagerstown	1	431	230	11	11	367	8	8	121	6	25	150	203	203	203	4900 223 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown, "
Joel T. Rosier, D. D.	First Church.	1	637	331	36	1	425	21	21	12	14	40	317	734	734	734	2560 822 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, "
F. Franklin Hoffmeier	Middletown.	1	490	270	25	2	348	7	7	12	1	40	300	534	534	534	1100 Middletown, "
Anthony Shulenberger	Without Charge.	1	347	105	16	2	314	26	26	5	1	38	260	1	1140	1140	N. C. China Grove, "
Conrad Clever, D. D.	Third Church.	1	3	215	22	13	229	3	3	5	3	36	220	1	194	895	3000 518 W. Mulberry St., Balto., Md.
Silas M. Hensch	Utica.	1	3	371	245	1	229	3	3	5	3	36	220	1	194	895	Frederick, Md.
Jacob B. Kerschner	Without Charge.	1	175	104	11	3	128	1	1	4	1	23	163	1	163	163	Emmitsburg, "
Louis F. Zinkhan	Prison Chaplain.	1	3	231	99	10	178	1	1	4	1	37	232	1	156	156	325 E. Lafayette Ave., Balto., "
E. Ranson Dearick	Trinity	1	8	221	141	16	124	6	6	1	1	16	85	1	145	145	812 Keedysville, "
Barton R. Carnahan	Mt. Moriah	1	1	141	176	6	124	3	3	1	1	16	85	1	145	145	1600 Westminster, "
Calvin S. Slagle	Westminster.	1	235	118	21	1	218	3	3	1	1	94	275	1	161	161	6076 Hagerstown, "
George A. Snyder	Christ Ch., Hagerstown	1	160	150	34	8	125	17	17	11	18	37	375	1	188	188	1904 2424 E. Baltimore St., Balto., "
Adam S. Weber	Faith	1	160	150	34	8	125	17	17	11	18	37	375	1	188	188	780 Thurmont, "
George A. Whitmore	Thurmont.	1	422	439	45	2	358	12	12	1	1	14	103	1	178	178	932 1405 15th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.
A. Thomas G. Apple	Grace	1	146	112	10	1	102	5	5	1	2	23	127	1	225	225	860 Jefferson, Md.
Harry F. Dittmar	Jefferson	1	217	143	10	8	190	6	6	1	2	23	127	1	225	225	618 Boonsboro, "
Geo. W. Snyder	Boonsboro.	1	128	83	4	4	86	3	3	1	2	23	127	1	225	225	400 Sabillasville, "
James R. Lewis	Seabillasville	1	121	67	4	2	93	4	4	2	2	26	150	1	104	104	402 330 E. 20th St., Baltimore, "
Chas. W. Levan	St. Stephen's	1	65	43	2	8	54	1	1	38	7	30	217	1	31	31	735 Westminster, "
Hiram J. Macalister	Carroll	1	280	90	23	1	211	7	7	1	6	46	150	1	215	215	1075 Walkersville, "
Atvill Conner	Glade	1	187	124	10	16	163	9	9	1	6	46	150	1	215	215	938 Cavetown, "
Chas. A. Santee	Cavetown	1	388	183	15	12	339	14	14	2	6	46	150	1	215	215	1140 2117 Druid Hill Ave., Balto., "
William I. Stewart	Christ	1	160	118	14	7	130	3	3	8	5	38	250	2	174	174	1752 Adamstown, "
Isaac M. Mott	Manor	1	324	124	15	10	312	4	4	5	19	37	420	2	547	547	2257 407 N. Carrollton Ave., Balto., "
Lloyd E. Coblenz	St. Paul's	1	394	192	25	17	327	4	4	6	19	37	420	2	547	547	1171 Manchester, "
Samuel M. Roeder	Manchester	1	559	247	25	14	400	4	4	7	7	43	280	1	264	264	689 Emmitsburg, "
Vacant	Ch. of Incarnation.	1	143	72	6	11	131	1	1	1	7	1	10	61	77	77	1031 Burkittsville, "
William C. Sykes	Burkittsville	1	144	74	8	11	136	1	1	9	6	19	120	1	65	65	939 Taneytown, "
Alex. Bateman	Taneytown	1	300	150	17	8	260	7	7	2	4	22	170	1	96	96	980 Union Bridge, "
K. Otis Spessard	Union Bridge	1	291	110	7	8	222	8	8	2	4	19	183	1	116	116	1000 Silver Run, "
Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D.	Silver Run	1	515	305	25	2	380	2	2	28	1	19	183	1	196	196	856 Mt. Pleasant, "
Simon S. Miller	Mt. Pleasant	1	165	105	15	1	149	2	2	1	1	8	31	240	127	127	856 Mt. Pleasant, "
Christopher Noss	Fairview	1	56	30	4	1	41	1	1	1	1	13	100	1	27	27	60 Sendai, Japan.
Vacant	Grace, Baltimore	1	32	8	8	24	41	1	1	1	1	13	100	1	30	30	60
Total, 99.		62	8978	4578	517	42	401	256	103	106	97	968	7857	9	\$6228	\$45335	Licentiates—Joseph H. Apple, Jr., Frederick; Harry W. Wisler, Thurmont; Fred. Wm. Bald, Baltimore.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	CONGREGATIONS.			BAPTISTS.		UNCONFIRMED MEMBERS.		DEATHS.		OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.		STUDENTS FOR MINISTRY.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Congregations.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Re-commenced.	Names.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Wm. M. Deatrick D. D.	Without Charge	2	480	180	20	6	11	11	880	10	53	12	2	64	331	\$498	\$1800	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Jacob Hasler, D. D.	"																	Port London, " "	
William C. Cremer, D. D.	"																	Chambersburg, " "	
Franklin F. Babner	Waynesboro																	Waynesboro, " "	
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without Charge																	Greenville, " "	
Geo. B. Russell, D. D.	"																	Zuelliger, " "	
Jonas B. Shontz	2d Ch., Chambersburg	1	319	143	21	12	28	15	284	1	7	1	1	28	324	188	38	00 Chambersburg, " "	
Zwingli A. Yearick	Mercersburg	2	347	150	15	6	10	21	239	11	10	2	11	81	184	508	07	Mercersburg, " "	
Tuthman R. Dietz	Shippensburg	1	280	80	1	8	10	16	208	4	10	4	1	20	176	237	56	Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., " "	
Irwin M. Beaver	Grindstonehill	2	420	148	17	20	31	11	391	6	9	8	2	37	269	226	00	Marion, Franklin Co., " "	
George C. Erb	McConnellsburg	3	128	86	6	6	4	119	7	1	2	4	2	22	156	62	91	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., " "	
William C. Schaefer, Ph. D.	1st Ch., Chambersburg	1	866	300	14	1	8	4	272	3	58	6	1	90	238	92	83	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., " "	
George S. Gill	London	8	212	113	16	14	29	17	172	10	4	7	3	33	224	8	519	03 Fort London, " "	
Henry N. Bassler	St. Thomas	4	194	83	12	19	88	10	189	5	39	6	4	46	232	1	79	88 St. Thomas, " "	
George K. Zacharias	Without Charge																	Upper Strasburg " "	
Lewis P. Krome	"																	Lisbon, Linn Co., Iowa, " "	
John M. North	"																	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa. " "	
William M. Irvine, Ph. D.	Licentiate.																	" "	
Vacant	"																	" "	
	Greencastle.	2	304	279	14	10	19	16	350	4		12	2	64	250	822	87	Greencastle, " "	
	St. Paul's of W. nsboro.	2	234	175	7	2	11	14	180	8	2	4	2	36	238	267	50	Waynesboro, " "	
	*Mont Alto.	3	133	62	4		3	104	2	1	1	2	1	1		72	00	Mont Alto, " "	
		26	3407	1799	147	97	199	143	2848	71	179	74	26	406	2720	6	\$3896	\$116775	88
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• Statistics of last year:

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.		Unconfirmed Members.	Baptism's.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Studies for Min'y.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.	
		Members.			Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Renewal of Profession.											
H. St. John Rinker.....	Without Charge.....	1	338	175											1	\$433 34	\$1236 21	Manertown, Va.	
H. Telhelm.....	Martinsburg.....	2	27	8	1	9	7	261	4							12	00	64 98	Martinsburg, W. Va.
J. A. Hoffhelms, D. D.	Smithfield & F. W.	2	149	59	5	4	4	131	2							116	00	500 00	Shepherdstown, "
J. W. Baugh.....	Shepherdstown.....	3	184	66	3	8	4	140	1							62	00	415 00	Middlebrook, Va.
George G. Everhart.....	Middlebrook.....	1	117	70	5	4	25	14	4							103	00	475 20	Hawkinstown, Va.
John T. Balliet.....	Without Charge.....	1	21	17	2	4	1	20	1							28	00	475 00	Lovettsville, Va.
Josiah May.....	St. Paul's.....	2	164	42	4	10	1	148	3							263	00	749 00	Roanoke, "
T. K. Cromer.....	Mt. Crawford.....	2	127	109	19	11	1	84							1	135 14	416 00	Mt. Crawford, "	
Lewis Reiter.....	Winchester.....	3	179	71	16	5	5	158	1							40 88	1087 00	Edinburg, "	
C. B. Reiter.....	Edinburg.....	2	181	80	5	1	4	2	162						1	140 40	706 00	Edinburg, "	
J. B. Steniesfer.....	Harrisville.....	2	230	124	5	3	3	195	1						1	243 00	4054 84	Tombsbrook, "	
A. B. Bauman.....	Woodstock.....	2	180	84	13	8	26	151								169 00	370 00	Woodstock, "	
N. H. Skyles.....	Timberville.....	4	167	163	10	7	1	121	4							66 40	710 20	Timberville, "	
J. Phillip Harner.....	Mill Creek.....	1	10	8		3		10								9 00	63 00	Mt. Jackson, "	
Henry Ditzler.....	Harrisonburg.....	4	315	97	2	3		242								291 00	1028 00	Harrisonburg, "	
J. Silas Garrison.....	Rockingham.....	32	2390	1173	105	390	117	1957	20		17	56	27	306	1864	3	\$2150 00	\$12388 00	Mt. Crawford, "

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Studies for Ministry.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.	
		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.			Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.									Benevolent Purpose.	Congregational Purpose.		
Thomas Long.....	Without Charge.....																			Salem N. C.	
Jesse W. Cecil.....	" "																			Thomasville, "	
John Ingle.....	" "																			Green Park, "	
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.....	Lincoln Charge.....	4	289	216	11	23	6	235						8	3	19	175	1	\$245	\$630	Newton, "
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.....	Prin. China G'y Hg Sc																			China Grove, "	
Michael L. Hedrick.....	Mt. Tabor Mission.....	1	45	24	1	5		32						1	1	8	50		6		Silver Hill, "
John A. Foll, Ph. D.....	Prof. Catawba Coll'ge																			Newton, "	
Paul Barringer.....	East Rowan Charge.....	2	300	238	19	6	7	271						2	2	33			160		Hellig, "
Joseph L. Murphy.....	Hickory Charge.....	3	224	110	3	14	1	268						3	3	15	155		84		Hickory, "
Jacob C. Leonard.....	Upp'r Davidson Chg.	6	455	152	17	8	8	343						5	5	41	300		117		529 Lexington, "
J. M. Luther Lyerly.....	Central Rowan Chg.	4	176	181	17	8	8	167						7	4	40	330	1	46		808 Faith, "
Andrew H. Smith.....	Newton Charge.....	1	158	70	7	1	9	105						4	4	16	32		102		870 Newton, "
James D. Andrew.....	Guilford Charge.....	4	465	193	8	2	61	428						2	3	33	318		121		483 Danville, "
Julius H. Shuford.....	Without Charge.....	4	132	53	11	19	19	105						6	1	7	42		55		Middlebrook, Va.
H. A. M. Holshouser.....	Catawba Charge.....	5	322	112	17	2	43	6						3	5	80	308		61		508 Conover, N. C.
William H. McNairy.....	Low'r David's'n Chg.	2	264	136	9	15	10	180						1	2	18	197	1	87		200 McKee, "
B. Frank Davis.....	Concord Charge.....	2	251	133	6	2	23	230						6	2	23	145	1	40		560 Concord, "
Vacant.....	West Rowan Charge.....	1	18	2	1	4	14	18													China Grove, "
Jacob C. Leonard.....	Thomasville Mission.	1	32	29	1			28											6		Lexington, "
J. L. Murphy (supply).....	Mt. Bethel Mission.	1	9		1			8													Blowing Rock, "
Paul Barringer.....	Mt. Pleasant Mission.	1						6													Hellig, "
		40	3140	1567	126	154	245	3575	30	8	88	39	33	250	2448	6			\$1130	\$3309	
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CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Commenced.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Transfer of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-School.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.
		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.		Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Renewal of Profession.										Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
William K. Zieber, D. D.	Without Charge.	2	385	354	11	2	9	8	840	1	3	8	14	2	34	245	1	\$312	\$150	Hanover, York, Co., Pa.
John C. Bowman, D. D.	Professor in Sem.	4	690	445	44	1	58	1	655	7	21	5	15	4	40	356	1	198	1000	444 West James St., Lancaster,
Thomas J. Barkley, D. D.	Gettysburg	8	770	668	65	1	35	2	732	10	5	5	15	3	30	400	1	208	6380	Gettysburg, Adams Co.,
John H. Hartman.	Lishey's	3	710	500	40	2	29	5	650	9	8	8	12	3	30	400	4	440	1300	Hanover, York Co.,
Franklin A. Guth.	Jefferson	1	464	321	22	1	17	21	314	7	5	5	1	1	26	340	1	8504	1813	"
Walter E. Krebs.	Without Charge.	3	510	500	40	2	29	5	650	9	8	8	12	3	30	400	4	440	1375	Littlestown, Adams Co.,
Francis S. Lindaman	Christ Church.	1	464	321	22	1	17	21	314	7	5	5	1	1	26	340	1	8504	1978	"
Joseph D. Peters	Trinity (Hanover)	1	390	170	7	1	16	7	325	13	4	5	1	1	38	242	1	269	400	Hanover, York Co.,
George B. Resser	Emmanuel (Hanover)	2	214	85	12	1	25	6	271	4	2	4	5	2	10	95		72	737	Littlestown, Adams Co.,
George P. Stem.	Littlestown	1	395	150	11	1	25	6	271	4	2	4	5	2	10	95		164	737	McKnightstown, Adams Co.,
Edward D. Miller	West Manheim	2	214	85	12	1	1	1	175	2	2	4	5	2	10	95		164	737	Fairfield,
J. Marion Mickle	Without Charge.	3	358	231	18	1	11	7	256	6	4	4	18	3	31	200		164	737	Fairfield,
J. F. Mackley, M. D.	Cashtown	3	550	395	55	6	29	26	512	5	20	3	48	340	1	208		208	1262	Littlestown,
William D. Lefevre	Without Charge.	3	550	395	55	6	29	26	512	5	20	3	48	340	1	208		208	1262	Littlestown,
Peter E. Helmer	Abbotstown.	4	448	323	21	7	23	1	384	8	15	2	29	295		369		369	974	New Oxford,
Milton M. Noecher	Arendtville	4	247	90	5	1	10	234	2		12	3	33	167		51		51	640	Arendtville,
George W. Welch	East Berlin.	4	247	90	5	1	10	234	2		12	3	33	167		51		51	640	East Berlin,
Total, 17.		29	5536	3722	311	23	253	94	4549	67	20	153	28	367	4139	10	\$5790	\$18979		

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Contributions.	Post Office Address.
Wm. R. H. Deatrick	New Bloomfield	\$308	Newport,
J. D. Miller	Duncannon	591	Marysville,
Wm. H. Grob	Sulphur Springs	248	"
J. W. Bell	Newburg	163	Carlisle, Cumberland Co.,
J. G. A. House	Landisburg	110	"
G. A. House	Landisburg	558	Newburg,
Samuel P. Stauffer	Zion's	938	1197 Landisburg, Perry Co.,
J. M. Runkle	Mechanicsburg	327	1023 Elain,
M. O. Noll	Carlisle	475	1982 Mechanicsburg,
S. B. Schaefer	Without Charge	300	1848 Carlisle, Cumberland Co.,
S. M. H. Grob			
S. N. Callender, D. D.	See, F. V. For n Mis.		
Total, 11.	8	\$2279	

CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms		Additions.		Dismissed.	Transmuted.	Deaths.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Min. Y.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.	
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Renewal of Profession.							Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
F. A. Ruple D. D.....	Without Charge.....	8	372	122	14	9	20	19	332	7	4	8	45	276	1	8164	9947	Martinsburg, Pa.
W. A. Long.....	Hickory Bottom.....	3	340	160	5	3	15	16	238	7	1	2	28	197	1	318	752	"
John W. Pontius.....	Martinsburg.....	3	516	167	14	3	13	16	249	8	5	2	28	244	1	689	752	Cesna.
John Charles Stover.....	Dunning's Creek.....	3	276	157	4	4	17	19	456	7	5	2	39	339	1	163	2183	12th Avenue, Altoona,
John F. Moyer.....	Christ Ch., Altoona.....	4	550	250	20	4	14	17	361	6	35	5	40	430	2	324	5709	Claytonburg,
Simon U. Harpman.....	Greenfield.....	4	434	556	29	8	35	2	361	6	85	6	20	115	1	132	508	Schellburg,
Daniel G. Hetrick.....	Schellburg.....	5	217	185	35	4	17	1	209	4	19	4	60	439	2	123	1390	James Creek,
Titus C. Street.....	Woodcock Valley.....	5	483	292	21	6	16	12	398	16	19	4	60	439	2	245	700	Loyalburg,
E. W. Stonaker.....	Yellow Creek.....	5	133	221	16	19	9	17	152	9	11	2	82	195	1	120	750	Charlestown,
Andrew S. Geary.....	Friends' Cove.....	3	200	176	14	2	14	6	176	3	5	3	32	195	1	146	611	Charlestown,
Hubert S. May.....	Snipaur Springs.....	3	200	176	14	2	14	6	176	3	5	3	32	195	1	146	611	Mann's Choice,
William H. Landis.....	Oriskany.....	3	364	233	24	3	26	8	304	2	8	1	17	110	1	79	431	Oriskania,
Eugene L. McLean.....	Oriskany.....	4	66	2	2	2	6	9	84	9	6	2	17	110	1	207	1166	Oriskania,
Lewis Robb.....	Verrett Ch. Altoona.....	2	139	90	18	4	7	3	116	9	6	2	18	150	1	212	2208	61 8th Street, Altoona,
Louis C. Ruppel.....	Verrett Ch. Altoona.....	2	139	90	18	4	7	3	116	9	6	2	18	150	1	212	2208	61 8th Street, Altoona,
Fred. A. Ruppel, Jr.....	Clear Ridge.....	1	800	160	17	3	15	18	265	5	3	2	33	305	1	40	441	Clearville,
Chas. W. Blinghoff.....	Waver Street.....	3	110	180	12	7	16	12	305	1	14	2	34	172	2	490	1000	Alexandria,
Chas. E. Cretz.....	Huntington.....	3	431	188	11	8	13	6	230	2	11	4	30	210	1	345	1173	Huntington,
Chas. H. Slingshock.....	McConnellstown.....	1	278	100	11	6	11	6	230	2	11	4	30	210	1	185	1173	Huntington,
Irwin W. Hendricks.....	Bedford.....	3	845	140	11	6	11	6	231	7	13	4	31	239	2	117	4140	McConnellstown,
Vacant.....	St. Clairville.....	1	164	76	16	1	13	7	151	9	1	17	14	257	1	300	859	Bedford,
Harry E. Jones.....	Without Charge.....	3	850	170	13	1	13	7	264	1	1	1	88	257	1	890	859	St. Clairville,
		3	850	170	13	1	13	7	264	1	1	1	88	257	1	890	859	Collegeville,
Total, 20.		49	5570	3240	277	72	237	161	4615	118	1	90	112	48	9	94501	92865	

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.			Bapt'ns		Additions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Recommuned.	Transfer of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Min'y.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.
		Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Benevolent Purposes.										Congregational Purpose.		
John Gartenbein.	Without Charge.	8	98	6	6	75	1						8			70		\$13	Philadelphia, Pa.	
Jacob Muelhaupt.	Salem Socy, Mt. Pl. Int.	1	88	29	5	30							1	1		34		13	\$375	
G. Graedel.	Ballard.	1	79	101	6	5							1	1		85		3	198	
H. Liemann.	West Union.	1	76	7	4	5							1	1		95		41	Glencoe, Ore.	
R. Stueb.	Mink.	2	80	51	4	2							1	1		36		41	\$22	
J. G. Schmid.	Ascoria and Stella.	2	82	30	9	23							1	1		64		88	100	
J. G. Siebert.	Seattle.	1	26	26	12	24					8		1	1		54		88	169	
T. W. Artmann.	Portland.	1	100	110	25	12							1	1		80		20	600	
G. Hamer.	Washougal.	1	16	12	2	8							1	1		9		27	77	
A. H. Baumann.	Mertlan.	1	74	3	46	3							2	1		41		21	700	
Total 10.		18	582	486	74	26	13	298	3	8	5	10	406	\$221	\$2727					

STATISTICAL SUMMARY. Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, A. D. 1895.

Classes.	Number of Ministers	Number of Congregations	Members	Unconfrmed Members	Baptisms.		Additions.			Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.			Students for Ministry.	Contributions.			
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Profession.	Communed.				Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Beneficent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.			
Zion's.....	13	83	4642	2562	277	46	255	134	3779	33	109	118	46	367	4749	9	\$3527 00	\$15896 00		
Maryland.....	39	62	8976	4578	617	42	401	256	7183	205	108	196	57	958	7357	9	9228 00	45336 00		
Mt. Vernon.....	17	26	3407	1759	147	97	199	143	2848	71	179	74	26	408	2720	6	8398 81	16775 88		
Virginia.....	14	82	2890	1173	106	80	117	24	1957	20	17	56	27	306	1854	8	2150 00	12338 00		
North Carolina.....	17	40	3140	1857	126	54	285	85	2575	30	38	39	33	250	2448	6	1180 00	6309 00		
Georgia.....	17	29	5586	3722	811	23	253	94	4819	67	20	153	28	367	4139	10	5790 00	18779 00		
Florida.....	11	21	2315	1079	92	82	137	51	2045	62	13	53	20	282	1989	6	2279 00	9560 00		
Alabama.....	20	49	5670	3240	277	72	237	161	4515	118	90	112	43	525	4111	9	4501 00	25665 00		
Portland-Orregon.....	10	18	582	448	74	28	13	288	3	3	5	10	408	3463	29785	64	\$2224 31	\$13984 88		
Synod of Potomac (Total).....	162	305	36507	20726	1926	384	1950	961	30389	609	4	572	806	290	3463	29785	118	\$2224 31	\$13984 88	
Western Synod.....	11	271	614	9486	4567	607	4825	2285	77192	1439	21875	2578	617	8469	70504	301	92238 00	419695 88		
Synod of Ohio.....	6	126	224	21882	6282	728	627	1416	906	17717	367	4	868	392	202	2923	121	20830 00	119443 00	
Synod of Illinois.....	6	71	186	16276	9708	832	134	725	508	13727	358	8	483	508	191	1226	10556	12	16744 00	78498 00
Synod of the Northwest.....	10	143	218	20422	14564	2015	25	1068	862	15137	298	8	573	495	55	718	11679	37	19470 00	101518 00
Synod of the East.....	6	56	56	14383	10102	2295	38	782	792	11411	95	56	573	495	55	1084	10842	14	8271 00	82828 00
German Synod of the East.....	4	82	114	10771	11722	1244	63	806	760	14562	246	8	489	489	106	1579	14046	38	17005 00	99912 00
Synod of the Interior.....	6	50	68	1261	153	90	221	194	2320	95	122	49	62	634	3814	6	8597 25	21911 60	21911 60	
Total, 1890, 4 District Synods.....	55	961	1639	226572	126779	18758	11292	7267	182487	3438	27	4950	5698	1648	20066	172428	304	\$20440 06	\$1086789 31	
Total, 1894, 4 District Synods.....	55	968	1646	221478	126833	14762	11296	8238	178828	3576	19	4499	5698	1610	16431	162280	291	257949 28	1017626 57	

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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church
in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN ALTOONA, PA.,

In the Month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the thirteenth and continued until the forenoon of the nineteenth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in Trinity Reformed church of Altoona, Blair county, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 13th, A. D., 1896, at 7:30 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., from Isaiah 42 : 1-7.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers:—Gerny Weber, Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Oliver P. Schellhamer.⁶

Elders:—Jonas Deisinger M.D., Israel Laucks.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers:—T. Franklin Hoffmeier, William I. Stewart, Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder, Calvin S. Slagle, Joel

T. Rossiter, D.D., Conrad Clever, D.D., William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph. D., Hiram J. Macalister, William C. Sykes, Henry F. Dittmar.

Elders:—John Gassman, David C. Hammett, Martin C. Coblentz, W. Scott Kefauver,² Herman A. Buckey, William Roulette, Jacob S. Dehoof, John T. Dutterer.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—Irwin M. Beaver, George S. Gill, Charles A. Santee, William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., William M. Deatrick, D.D., George B. Russell, D.D.

Elders:—Samuel Z. Hawbecker, Charles A. Yoh, Andrew R. Schnebly, Jerome Dietrich.²

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—Lewis Reiter, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., George G. Everhart, John T. Balliet,² Calvin B. Heller.⁴

Elders:—Harvey T. Cushwa, Daniel S. Rentch, Christian R. Bosserman,² Benjamin E. Greenwood.²

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers:—Jacob C. Leonard, Joseph L. Murphy.

Elders:—Sidney M. Finger.⁴

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—John F. Mackley, M.D., Thomas J. Barkley, D.D., George W. Welsh, Edward D. Miller, George B. Resser, Milton M. Noacher.⁴

Elders:—Daniel S. Chronister,² Jacob Willett,² Jacob N. Slagle,⁴ George W. Hartman.⁴⁻²

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—J. David Miller, Joseph W. Bell, James M. Runkle, William H. Groh.⁶

Elders:—Jacob Wetzol, Frederick Gutshall, Adam Heberlig.⁴

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—Charles E. Creitz, Eugene L. McLean, Homer S. May, Louis C. Harnish, S. Charles Stover, Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., Irwin W. Hendricks.

Elders:—John H. Stephens, Benjamin S. Fouse, J. Scott Corle, George L. Freet, John G. Cobler, Jackson L. Grove.²

IX.—From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D., occupied the seat of Rev. T. J. Barkley, during the last six sessions; Rev. Titus C. Strock that of Rev. W. H. Groh, during the first five sessions; and Rev. John W. Pontius that of Rev. L. C. Harnish, during the last three sessions of Synod.

Advisory Members Present.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis:—Revs. Adam S. Weber, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.

Mercersburg Classis:—Elder Casper Wicke.

Gettysburg Classis:—Rev. John C. Bowman, D.D., Elder Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis:—Revs. Titus C. Strock, Samuel N. Callender, D.D.

Juniata Classis:—Revs. Lewis Robb, John F. Moyer, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., John W. Pontius, Edward W. Stonebraker, Charles H. Slinghoff, William H. Landis, Ambrose C. Geary, William A. Long, Ph.D., and Elder Samuel Sprankle.

The presence was also announced of the licentiates Joseph H. Apple of the Maryland Classis, and William M. Irvine, Ph.D., of the Mercersburg Classis.

Eastern Synod:—Revs. R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D., Adam C. Whitmer, David N. Dittmar, Tilghman Derr, Thomas M. Yundt, Cyrus J. Musser, John S. Stahr, D.D., Rufus W. Miller, David B. Schneder, Elder Daniel Miller.

Pittsburgh Synod:—Revs. Ambrose M. Schmidt, David A. Souder, Samuel T. Wagner, Christian W. Summey, Eugene P. Skyles, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., J. Harvey Mickley, Daniel N. Harnish.

Central Synod:—Rev. John H. Stepler, D.D.

Synod of the Interior:—Rev. Dennis B. Shuey.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence was announced from time to time of Revs. J. W. Bain and H. H. Stiles of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. F. Hartman of the Lutheran Church; Revs. M. S. Ganoë, G. M. Hoke and J. E. Bell of the Methodist Church; and Rev. A. L. Funk of the United Brethren Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. C. Clever, *President*, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *Vice President*, Middletown, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. W. I. Stewart, *Corresponding Secretary*, Baltimore, Md.
 Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Reading Clerk*, Martinsburg, W. Va.
 Elder George N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV. RULES OF ORDER.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House*.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 o'clock and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. F. Moyer, L. Robb, J. O. Miller, and Elders I. Laucks, J. H. Stephens.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatruck, W. I. Stewart, G. Weber, and Elders J. Gassman, G. L. Freet.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. T. J. Barkley, S. M. Roeder, G. S. Gill, and Elders S. Z. Hawbecker, J. Wetzel.

Overtures.—Revs. G. G. Everhart, I. M. Beaver, J. C. Leonard, and Elders B. S. Fouse, M. C. Coblentz.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. C. A. Santee, J. D. Miller, F. A. Rupley, Jr., and Elders H. T. Cushwa, J. Deisinger.

Examination, Licensure and Ordinations.—Revs. G. B. Russell, T. F. Hoffmeier, C. E. Creitz, and Elders J. H. Stephens, D. S. Chronister.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. T. Rossiter, E. L. McLean, and Elders D. C. Hammett, J. S. Corle.

Education.—Revs. G. B. Resser, L. Reiter, W. C. Schaeffer, and Elders D. S. Rentch, W. Roulette.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. H. F. Dittmar, G. S. Gill, L. C. Harnish, and Elders B. S. Fouse, J. Deisinger.

Missions.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. F. Mackley, G. W. Welsh, and Elders A. R. Schnebly, F. Gutshall.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. H. J. Macalister, W. I. Stewart, I. W. Hendricks, and Elders D. C. Hammett, J. G. Cobler.

Publication.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, J. M. Runkle, E. D. Miller, and Elders J. Dietrich, D. S. Rentch.

Finance.—Revs. C. B. Heller, L. E. Coblentz, S. C. Stover, and Elders A. R. Schnebly, J. Wetzel.

Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund.—Rev. T. J. Barkley, and Elders J. N. Slagle, I. Laucks.

Nominations.—Revs. J. D. Miller, H. S. May, W. C. Sykes, and Elders H. A. Buckey, H. T. Cushwa.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. A. F. Dreisbach, T. F. Hoffmeier, T. C. Strock, and Elders F. Guttshall, I. Laucks.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, the General Board of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday School Board was presented to the Synod, read and referred to the Sunday School Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services:

Wednesday Evening.—General Church Work. Rev. J. David Miller presiding. Topic 1. Work of Elders and Deacons. Address by Rev. G. B. Russell. Topic 2. The Midweek Prayer Service. Address by Rev. W. I. Stewart.

Thursday Evening.—Christian Education. Rev. C. S. Slagle, presiding. Topic 1. The Endowment of Franklin and Marshall College. Address by Rev. A. M. Schmidt. Topic 2. Beneficiary Education—Its Advantages and Necessary Safeguards. Address by Rev. C. A. Santee.

Friday Evening.—Home Missions. Rev. C. B. Heller, presiding. Topic 1. The Reformed Church in the South. Address by Rev. J. L. Murphy. Topic 2. Missions among our Foreign Population. Address by Rev. A. C. Whitmer. Topic 3. City Missions. Address by Rev. C. Clever.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. L. E. Coblenz.

Saturday Evening.—Sunday Schools. Topic 1. The Teacher—His Preparation and Work. Address by Rev. J. S. Stahr, D.D. Topic 2. The Outlook of our Sunday School Work. Address by Rev. R. W. Miller.

Sunday Morning, 9.15 o'clock.—Synodical Communion. In charge of the officers of Synod.

Sunday Morning, 10.30 o'clock.—Morning Service. Sermon by Rev. Prof. J. C. Bowman.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday School Services. Addresses by members of Synod.

Sunday Evening, 6.45 o'clock.—C. E. Services.

Sunday Evening, 7.30 o'clock.—Foreign Mission Services. Address by Rev. S. N. Callender and Rev. D. B. Scheneder.

CHRIST REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Forenoon.—Morning Services. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Stahr.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday School Services. Addresses by members of Synod.

Sunday Evening, 6 o'clock.—C. E. Services.

Sunday Evening, 7 o'clock.—Evening Services. Sermon by Rev. C. Clever.

OTHER CHURCHES.

First Presbyterian Church.—Rev. W. C. Schaeffer in the morning, and Rev. J. C. Bowman in the evening.

Second Presbyterian Church.—Rev. R. W. Miller in the morning, and Rev. E. R. Eschbach in the evening.

Broad Avenue Presbyterian Church.—Rev. G. B. Resser in the morning, and Rev. J. T. Rossiter in the evening.

Third Presbyterian Church.—Rev. E. L. McLean in the

morning, and Rev. I. W. Hendricks in the evening.

First Lutheran Church.—Rev. G. B. Russell in the morning, and Rev. C. B. Heller in the evening.

Second Lutheran Church.—Rev. C. Clever in the morning, and Rev. C. E. Creitz in the evening.

Bethany Lutheran Church.—Rev. A. F. Dreisbach in the morning, and Rev. ——— in the evening.

Millville Lutheran Church.—Rev. L. Reiter in the morning, and Rev. H. S. May in the evening.

Logantown Lutheran Church.—Rev. G. G. Everhart in the morning, and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier in the evening.

Grace Lutheran Church.—Rev. J. D. Miller in the morning, and Rev. J. T. Balliet in the evening.

First Methodist Church.—Rev. J. A. Hoffheins in the morning, and Rev. G. B. Russell in the evening.

Eighth Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. C. J. Musser in the morning, and W. I. Stewart in the evening.

Chestnut Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. S. C. Stover in the morning, and Rev. H. F. Dittmar in the evening.

Fifth Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. G. W. Welch in the morning, and Rev. E. D. Miller in the evening.

Simpson Methodist Church.—Rev. S. S. Miller in the morning, and Rev. W. Goodrich in the evening.

Walnut Avenue Methodist Church.—Rev. S. M. Roeder in the morning, and Rev. G. Weber in the evening.

Juniata Methodist Church.—Rev. G. Weber in the morning.

Juniata Presbyterian Church.—Rev. H. J. Macalister in the morning, and Rev. J. W. Bell in the evening.

First United Brethren Church.—Rev. E. W. Stonebraker in the evening.

Second United Brethren Church.—Rev. M. M. Noacher in the evening.

First Baptist Church.—Rev. J. M. Runkle in the morning, and Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., in the evening.

United Presbyterian Church.—Rev. H. F. Dittmar in the morning, and Rev. G. S. Gill in the evening.

United Evangelical Church.—Rev. W. H. Groh in the evening.

Bethel Church.—Rev. I. M. Beaver in the morning.

Pennsylvania Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, at 4 p. m.—Rev. R. W. Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. MOYER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.*To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

Your Committee on Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Minutes were referred for examination, beg leave, after a careful inspection of them, to report the following items, in our judgment, as claiming the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. A Standing Committee on Investing and Auditing Endowment Funds is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 2, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present sessions of the Synod; of which committee Rev. F. C. Yost is chairman.

Item 3, page 10. The action of the previous year is reiterated, instructing the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College to submit to the Synod annually a properly audited summarized statement of the receipts and expenditures of said institution, and further, on page 29, the Board is requested to present a statement giving the financial condition of the College and an account of moneys received from various sources and of moneys expended.

Item 4, page 14. The overture of the Mercersburg Classis to the Synod to consider the propriety of reducing the representation of the delegations from the Classes, is laid on the table until the present annual meeting of the Synod.

Item 5, page 28. Zion's and North Carolina Classes are requested to coöperate with the Board of Education in its operations.

Item 6, page 30. A committee is appointed with the view to full and cordial coöperation with the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College in its effort to advance the interests of that institution; of which committee Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is chairman.

Item 7, page 30. North Carolina Classis is invited to consider the propriety of placing Catawba College under the care of the Synod of the Potomac and a committee is appointed for the purpose of conferring with said Classis, and formulating a suitable plan for carrying into effect the proposed action; of which committee Rev. J. O. Miller is chairman.

Item 8, page 31. The Treasurer of Synod is instructed to pay over to the Trustees of Catawba College for the use of its General Endowment Fund certain specified moneys, amounting to \$381.91.

Item 9, page 33. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, two members of the Board of Visitors and two members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., whose terms of service will terminate during the present meeting of Synod, or in the near future.

Item 10, page 42. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect two members of the Synodical Board of Missions, to fill the place of those whose terms of service are about to expire.

Item 11, page 44. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian Missions, Harbor Missions, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Calvin College, Contingent Fund of Synod, Chicago Mission Church, and Church Building.

Item 12, page 44. Arrearages are noted as existing on apportionments for Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, Chicago Mission Church, and Beneficiary Education.

Item 13, page 45. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod in place of Elder Henry M. Schmuck, whose term of service will end on the 1st of next January.

Item 14, page 46. The Classes are called upon to take certain action in reference to Sunday School matters.

Item 15, page 47. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday School Board to fill the vacancy that will occur therein, during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 16, page 49. The Stated Clerk is directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1895 published.

Item 17, page 51. The special attention of the Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each of their congrega-

tions on some Sunday before October, in each Synodical year.

Item 18, page 52. A special committee is appointed to prepare and report to the present meeting of the Synod a suitable program of services in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the organization of Reformed congregations in the territory of this Synod by the Rev. Michael Schlatter, which took place in May, 1747; of which committee Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is chairman.

Item 19, page 53. A committee is appointed to devise a plan for the transaction of the business of the Synod; of which committee Rev. J. C. Bowman is chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 6 and 7, see Article XIII., Education; on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; the action contained in item 3 was reiterated; the overture contained in item 4 was not granted; item 8, the Treasurer of Synod discharged the duty; items 9, 10, and 13 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations, to make the required nominations; on items 5, 11 and 12, see Articles X. and XV., Minutes of Classes, and Finance; on item 14, see Article XVIII., Sunday Schools; item 15, the Synod dissolved the Synodical Sunday School Board; on item 16, see Article XX., Publication; and on items 17, 18 and 19, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

Report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod reported during the session of Thursday forenoon. The report was received, disposed of item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Your committee, to whom have been referred the Minutes of the General Synod, begs leave to report, that we have examined the Minutes of the General Synod, which convened in Dayton, Ohio, May 27th, 1896, and find the following items requiring the attention of this District Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 87. The General Synod recommends to the Synods coöperation in mission work with other churches.

Item 2, page 88. The General Synod commends the Woman's Missionary Societies now in existence, and calls the attention of District Synods to the importance of organizing such societies in all the Synods, Classes and congregations of the Church.

Item 3, page 89. The General Synod urges the Synods and Classes to make an earnest effort to secure a yearly average of fifty cents per member for Home Missions.

Item 4, page 126. The General Synod appeals to all District

Synods, Classes and congregations to secure the entire apportionments for Foreign Missions, and the entire Church is called upon to make large free-will offerings for the same cause.

Item 5, page 150. The attention of the several District Synods and the Classes is directed to the General Synod's action on Young People's Societies.

Item 6, page 207. Action adopted by the General Synod modifying the Statistical Tables.

Item 7, page 210. The District Synods are directed to make proper record in their Minutes in regard to the vote of the Classes on the re-submitted or revised Constitution sent down for approval or rejection by the Classes.

Item 8, page 246. The General Synod apportions the following sums upon this Synod, to wit: Contingent Expenses, \$700.00; Home Missions, \$9,700.00 annually; Harbor Mission, \$140.00 annually; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$840.00 annually; work among the Germans in the large towns and cities, \$840.00 annually; Foreign Missions, \$5,100.00 annually.

Item 9, page 259. The cause of Beneficiary Education is earnestly commended to the Synods and Classes.

Item 10, page 267. The General Synod will meet, in triennial sessions, in the Second Reformed Church of Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, on Tuesday after Whitsuntide, A. D., 1899, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 2, and 3 were severally approved; items 4 and 5 were approved, and then referred to the Committee on Missions; items 6 and 10 were adopted; items 7 and 9 were approved, and the attention of the Classes called to the action; and the amounts apportioned in item 8 were accepted, and then referred to the Committee on Finance to be apportioned among the several Classes of the Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A communication from the President of Calvin College in the interest of said institution.

Item 2. A paper in the interest of Wichita University.

Item 3. A report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

Item 4. A letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Synod in reference to the action taken by said Synod in regard to Wichita University.

Item 5. An overture from H. Mosser, in reference to the same matter.

Item 6. An overture from Rev. H. King in the interest of an Educational Endowment.

Item 7. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Eastern Synod, having reference to Professor Houses at Lancaster, Pa.

Item 8. An overture from the President of the Board of Managers of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, in the interest of said Home.

Item 9. A communication setting forth certain rules and regulations, adopted by the Board of Education, in the interests of Beneficiary Education.

Item 10. A letter from Rev. J. W. Santee in the interest of the "Reformed Quarterly Review."

Item 11. An overture from the President of the Pittsburgh Synod in the interest of the publications of the Church.

Item 12. A letter from Rev. J. G. Schmid of the Portland-Oregon Classis, asking to be excused from attendance upon the present meeting of the Synod, etc.

Item 13. A communication from Rev. R. W. Miller, in the interest of the "Reformed Church Tidings."

Item 14. An overture from the President of General Synod's Sunday School Board, in the interest of the general Sunday School work.

Item 15. A report of Franklin and Marshall College, by the President of the College.

Item 16. An overture in the interest of the American Anti-Saloon Association, from its President.

Item 17. An overture from Rev. Alexander McLean, General Secretary of the American Bible Society, in the interest of said Society.

Item 18. A copy of the College Folio of the Allentown College for Women.

Item 19. The annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 20. A communication from the President of the Eastern Synod, in the interest of securing additional ground as sites for the contemplated professor houses.

Item 21. A memorial on a Temperance Sabbath, from the Superintendent of the W. C. T. U., of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. G. EVERHART, *Chairman.*

The action of the Synod on the report is as follows: On items 1, 6, 7, 9, 15, and 20, see Article XIII., Education; on items 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 16, 17, 19, and 21, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on items 10 and 11, see Article XX., Publication; on item 12, Rev. J. G. Schmid was excused for non-attendance upon the present meeting of the Synod; on item 13, see Article XIV., Missions; on item 14, see Article XVIII., Sunday Schools; item 18 was adopted.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Friday morning, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands, except those of the Portland-Oregon Classis. From these the following items have been obtained:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Zion's Classis appointed an elder on each of two committees of supply.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

2. Maryland Classis overtures the Synod to secure an endowment of \$20,000.00 for the Woman's College, at Frederick, Md.

3. North Carolina Classis agreed upon a plan for carrying out Synod's recommendation with respect to placing Catawba College under the care of the Synod, and overtures Synod for additional encouragement in the endowment of said College.

4. The same Classis asks that credit be given by Synod's Treasurer for Home Missions, Church Building, and Beneficiary Education funds, for which they furnish their receipts, and also overtures the Synod to permit the continuance of the policy pursued by the Classis in the matter of Beneficiary Education.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

None.

IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

5. Zion's Classis accepted all the recommendations of the Synod, and agrees to coöperate with the Board of Education in carrying on its beneficiary education work, but instructs its Treasurer to send all moneys for this object to the Treasurer of Synod.

6. Maryland Classis accepts all the recommendations of the Synod.

7. Mercersburg Classis accepted all the requests of the Synod, except the six cents per member for Church-building, which was referred to the consistories, to be carried out as far as possible. Through an oversight of the Committee on Finance, the Classis failed to apportion the full amount for Foreign Missions.

8. Virginia Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to it, except it apportioned only \$300.00 of the \$651.00 for Home Missions, and \$300.00 of the \$342.00 for Foreign Missions.

9. North Carolina Classis took favorable action on all subjects, with the following exceptions: Coöperation with Synod's Board of Education. The Classis pledges itself to do all it possibly can for Foreign Missions, but does not accept the apportionment, and does not assume the apportionments for Home Missions, Theological Seminary, Calvin College, and Harbor Missions.

10. Gettysburg Classis accepts all recommendations and apportionments, but does not deem it expedient to elect delegates to the Synodical Missionary Society.

11. Carlisle Classis accepts all the recommendations and apportionments of the Synod.

12. Juniata Classis accedes to all the references of the Synod, except the apportionment for Church-building, which was not assumed, and calls Synod's attention to the fact that the Classis is given credit on page 35 of the Minutes of Synod for 1895, for the payment of \$152.00, the amount apportioned for Chicago Mission Church, the amount having been sent direct to the Treasurer of Home Missions, instead of the Treasurer of Synod, as the other Classes did. The Classis requests to be apportioned only the amount needed to support the beneficiaries under its care.

All the Classes took favorable action with reference to the Synod's recommendation as to Sunday School work.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

13. Zion's Classis received the licentiates William U. Helfrich and Henry M. J. Klein from the Lehigh Classis, and ordained them to the Holy Ministry; and dismissed Rev. Isaac N. Peightel to the Mercersburg Classis.

14. Maryland Classis licensed William E. Bushong and Charles D. Shaffer; ordained the licentiate Frederick W. Bald to the Gospel Ministry; received Rev. George M. Zacharias from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, Rev. William C. B. Shulenberger from the Lancaster Classis of the Ohio Synod, Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D., from the Philadelphia Classis; and dismissed Rev. Charles A. Santee to the Mercersburg Classis, Rev. James R. Lewis and licentiate Charles D. Shaffer to the Wichita Classis, licentiate Henry W. Wissler to the East Susquehanna Classis, licentiate William E. Bushong to the Wyoming Classis, and Rev. Anthony Shulenberger to the North Carolina Classis.

15. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Isaac N. Peightel from the Zion's Classis, Rev. Abner S. Dechant from the Kansas Classis, Rev. Albert H. Hibshman from the East Pennsylvania Classis, Rev. Jonathan W. Miller from the Tohickon Classis, Rev. Charles A. Santee from the Maryland Classis, Rev. Charles M. Smith from the West Susquehanna Classis, and licentiate Edward O. Keen from the Reading Classis, and ordained him to the work of the Christian Ministry; and dismissed Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick to the West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Tilghman R. Dietz to the Reading Classis, Rev. George C. Erb to the Juniata Classis, and Rev. Abner S. Dechant to the Illinois Classis.

16. Virginia Classis received Rev. Lewis T. Lampe from the Somerset Classis.

17. North Carolina Classis licensed Clarence Clapp; and received Rev. Anthony Shulenberger from the Maryland Classis.

18. Gettysburg Classis licensed William A. Kline; received Rev. Marsby J. Roth from the Lehigh Classis; and dismissed Rev. Joseph D. Peters to the West Chester Classis of the Reformed Church in America.

19. Carlisle Classis licensed Charles E. Wagner and David J. Wolf; received Rev. Titus C. Strock from the Juniata Classis; and dismissed licentiate David J. Wolf to the Westmoreland Classis.

20. Juniata Classis licensed J. Calvin Bolger and James M. S. Isenberg; received Rev. Thomas K. Cromer from the Virginia Classis, Rev. George C. Erb from the Mercersburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. Titus C. Strock to the Carlisle Classis, licentiate J. Calvin Bolger to the Kansas Classis, and licentiate James M. S. Isenberg to the Tohickon Classis.

VI.—Places and Times of the Next Annual Meetings.

21. Zion's Classis will meet in the First Reformed Church, of York, Pa., May 18th, A. D., 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. A. Peters, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder Dr. J. Deisinger, *Treasurer*.

22. Maryland Classis will meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church of Westminster, Carroll county, Md., May 19th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. E. R. Eschbach, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder S. Dutrow, *Treasurer*.

23. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Heidelberg Reformed Church of Marion, Franklin county, Pa., May 13th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. I. M. Beaver, *President*; Rev. W. M. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

24. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Shepherdstown, Jefferson county, W. Va., May 12th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. N. H. Skyles, *President*; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

25. North Carolina Classis will meet in Mount Hope Reformed Church of Danville, N. C., May 5th, A. D. 1897, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Rev. A. H. Smith, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder A. A. Shuford, *Treasurer*.

26. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Christ's Reformed Church of Adams county, Pa., May 12th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. M. Noacher, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

27. Carlisle Classis will meet in Union Church of Blain, Perry county, Pa., May 20th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. M. Runkle, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

28. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Everett, Bedford county, Pa., May 20th, A. D. 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. A. Long, *President*; Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman*.

Item 1 adopted, and the attention of the Classis called to the irregularity; for the action of Synod on items 2 and 3, see Article XIII., Education; items 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13-28 inclusively were severally adopted; on item 5, the action of last year was reiterated, and the Classis was instructed to pay its funds for beneficiary education to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, instead of to the Treasurer of the Synod; on items 8 and 9, the Synod expressed its regrets that the Classes of Virginia and North Carolina did not deem themselves able and willing to accept the full apportionments of the Synod.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday morning, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The review of a year's work in the vineyard of the Lord always furnishes occasion for devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for the grace and mercy vouchsafed to us in Christ Jesus. However far we may ourselves have come short in the realization of our high calling. His goodness and mercy have been present with us in perennial streams of blessing. In everything we are "enriched by Him, in all utterance and in all knowledge." As ever before, His promises have been verified to us during the year that is past.

The reports which have been submitted to us speak of faithful work on the part of our pastors and people. The usual services of God's house have been maintained; the Word has been faithfully preached; the Sacraments have been administered; the children and youths of the Church have been instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion, both in the Sunday School and in the catechetical class; and all the regular activities of the Church have been sustained. As we have the blessed assurance that the Word of the Lord shall not return unto Him void, but accomplish that which He please, and prosper in the thing whereto He sent it, we may rest assured that the seed, thus sown in faith, will in due time bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of His name.

Though we have not yet reached the time of reaping, we can even now see evidences that the Lord is prospering our work. During the year 1,715 persons were received into full membership by confirmation, and 929 were added by certificate and renewal of profession. A comparison of the statistical table of the present year with those of the last few years shows a gradual but steady increase in our membership. The fact that this increase has been constant for some years indicates, we believe, a healthy conviction in the piety and faith of our congregations. The Sunday School membership shows a slight fall-

ing off as compared with last year, though it is still considerably in advance of the year previous. In view of the fact that we hear complaints on all sides in consequence of the financial stringency, it is a pleasure to note that there has been an increase in the benevolent contributions over last year; though it is to be deplored that the apportionments, especially for Home Missions and Beneficiary Education, have not in all cases been fully met. There are still those among us who feel their responsibility and esteem their privileges in this respect very lightly.

The missionary operations of the Church within the bounds of the Synod are in a healthy and encouraging condition. The results attained have been gratifying, while the outlook for the future seems to be steadily growing brighter. This seems to be especially true with regard to our churches in the South. At least one of the objects in the organization of the Synod of the Potomac was the extension of our Church in this large and important territory. It is a cause for congratulation and thanksgiving that a closer bond of sympathy is binding our churches in the North with those in the South, which have hitherto been too much isolated for the common good. Under the blessing of God, we believe that we may look forward hopefully to the strengthening of the things that remain and to the entrance of our church into places where we have hitherto been unknown.

The educational work of the Synod is especially worthy of mention. Our institutions of learning are all in a flourishing condition. So great has been the prosperity that we are literally embarrassed by the demands which their steady growth has made upon us. The Theological Seminary, the oldest of all our schools, continues to prosper and to prepare laborers for the vineyard, who need not be ashamed.

Franklin and Marshall College is rapidly growing too large for its former accommodations and equipment, and challenges us with the imperative demand for a greatly increased endowment. The Woman's College of Frederick, though but a few years old, has attained an enviable reputation, and also claims the attention and gifts of our people. Mercersburg College has put on new life and is constantly growing. And last to come under our care, Catawba College opens a new and wider sphere of influence, promising to be an important factor in our future missionary work, if once it is properly equipped and endowed. May the great Head of the Church inspire us with new zeal and endue us with increased energy, so that we may come up to the measure of the opportunities which have thus been opened to us!

Having outlived the theological controversies of the past, and having come to an era of profound peace throughout the

whole extent of our Zion—a peace which has been attained, not by the surrender of principle, but by the cultivation of that charity, which is “the very bond of perfectness, and of all virtues”—we have evidently come to the time in which we are called upon to take up the practical work of the Church as never before—to fulfill the office of servants of the Lord, “to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.” The Lord hath done great things for us in the heritage which He has given to us; and He evidently is calling us to do great things for Him. May He so hold us by the hand and so guide us by His Spirit that we may show ourselves worthy of the high calling wherewith we are called, and faithful in the great trust which He has committed to our hands!

One minister, Rev. Milton H. Groh, was called to his reward during the year, admonishing us that the night cometh in which no man can work, and that we also should be ready, whenever the Lord shall call.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*

(For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education, through its Treasurer, begs leave to submit the following annual report, for the year ending October 1st, 1896:

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report to the Synod, namely: Rev. William C. Cremer, D.D., *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*; and Rev. William M. Deatrick, D.D., *Treasurer*.

The Board held two meetings during the year—the first at Frederick, Md., last October, at the close of the meeting of the Synod, when the organization of the Board for the year took place; and the annual meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., August 13th last, when the annual appropriations to the beneficiary students were made, and other necessary duties and business transacted, some of which will come before the Synod separate and apart from this report.

The operations of the Board have been carried forward with a fair degree of prosperity and success, notwithstanding the

unusual financial depression that has prevailed to a greater or less degree in all sections of our country. And as a Board we have reason for devout thankfulness to our gracious Heavenly Father for His favor and benediction upon the work entrusted to us by the Synod.

Five of the young men under our care and supervision have completed the full collegiate and theological course of training for the work of the Christian Ministry, namely, J. Calvin Bolger, William E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner, and David J. Wolf. Mr. Bushong was licensed by the Maryland Classis, Messrs. Bolger and Isenberg by the Juniata Classis, and Messrs. Wagner and Wolf by the Carlisle Classis. Messrs. Bushong and Isenberg are located in pastoral fields in the Eastern Synod, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Wolf in the Pittsburgh Synod, and Mr. Bolger in the Synod of the Interior.

Twenty-four beneficiary students have been aided in their studies by funds from the treasury of the Board, during the past year, in amounts ranging from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty dollars, amounting in the aggregate to \$2,645.00, which is \$440.00 less than the previous year.

Four young men were enrolled as beneficiary students under our care and supervision at the annual meeting of the Board in Chambersburg, and one since, namely: Blanchard A. Black and John E. Stone at the request of the Juniata Classis; Frederick A. Cook at the request of the Maryland Classis; Charles A. Waltman at that of the Gettysburg Classis; and Chalmers W. Walck at that of the Mercersburg Classis. One of our beneficiaries, George E. Shaw, departed this life, during the year. Two of them have been dropped from the roll of beneficiary students, as no longer entitled to assistance. At present, twenty-five beneficiaries are on our list, who hold their Classical connection as follows: Maryland Classis, six; Mercersburg Classis, five; Gettysburg Classis, six; Juniata Classis, three; Carlisle Classis, three; Virginia Classis, one; and Zion's Classis, one. They are Charles A. Bushong, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Theodore C. Hesson, Ezra D. Lantz, James M. Mullan, *Seminary Seniors*; Frederick C. Seitz, *Seminary Midler*; Moses A. Kieffer, and Nevin L. Weidner, *Seminary Juniors*; John W. Gilds, and Scott R. Wagner, *College Seniors*; W. Stuart Cramer, John S. Heffner, William A. Kepner, and John K. McKee, *College Juniors*; Robert L. Bair, Joseph E. Guy, John H. Smith, and Charles A. Waltman, *College Sophomores*; Blanchard A. Black, Frederick A. Cook, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, and John E. Stone, *College Freshmen*; and Chalmers W. Walck, less far advanced.

The appropriations by the Board to the foregoing named young men, for the current scholastic year, amount to \$3,400, that is, \$1,023.60 more than the receipts of the past year from

apportionments, amount refunded by former beneficiaries, and interest on investments, not counting the amount in the treasury at last report, \$608.75, which was nearly double the amount in the treasury at this time. To meet this deficiency, it will be absolutely necessary that the apportionments be paid more fully and promptly.

It may be proper to state that eighteen of the beneficiaries are connected with the institutions at Lancaster, Pa., six at Collegeville, Pa., and one at Mercersburg, Pa.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipts of the following sums for Beneficiary Education during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them when there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday Schools, where offerings have been given by them, so as to present the sum-total contributed by each pastoral charge respectively, except in the cases of the Gettysburg, Virginia, Juniata, and Zion's Classes, where the sources of receipts were not specified.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Maryland Classis.—First Church of Baltimore, \$70.86; Midtown Church, \$65.00; First Church of Hagerstown, \$55.00; St. Paul's Church of Baltimore, \$50.00; Silver Run Church, \$46.00; Cavetown Charge, \$40.00; Manor Charge, \$30.00; Utica Charge, \$27.00; Clear Spring Charge, \$25.00; Woodberry Church, \$18.00; Union Bridge Charge, \$16.98; Boonsboro Charge, \$15.00; Christ Church of Baltimore, \$13.00; Thurmont Charge, \$12.07; Faith Church of Baltimore, \$11.00; Mount Pleasant Charge, \$10.49; Washington Mission, \$10.00; Burkittsville Charge, \$8.00; Carroll Charge, \$3.79; Braddock Church, \$3.00; Grace Church of Baltimore, \$2.00; and refunded by a former beneficiary (D.), \$50.00. Making \$582.19

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg, \$80.59; Waynesboro Charge, \$72.69; Grindstonehill Charge, \$38.59; Mercersburg Charge, \$35.89; Greencastle Charge, \$35.83; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, \$35.59; Second Church of Chambersburg, \$35.00; Shippensburg Church \$25.59; Loudon Charge, \$20.59; St. Thomas Charge, \$2.59, McConnellsburg Charge, \$1.00; interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy, \$12.00; refunded by a former beneficiary (R.), \$115.00; and also by another beneficiary (G.), \$30.00. Making \$540.95.

Gettysburg Classis.—Per Treasurer of Classis, \$270.00, and First Church of Hanover, \$150.00. Making \$420.

Carlisle Classis.—New Bloomfield Charge, \$56.25; Zion's Charge, \$54.41; Carlisle Church, \$50.60; Mechanicsburg

Church, \$39.55; Landisburg Charge, \$39.05; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$29.10; Duncannon Charge, \$29.10; and Newburg Church, \$22.20. Making \$320.26.

Virginia Classis.—Per Treasurer of Classis, \$300.00.

Juniata Classis.—Per Treasurer of Classis, \$188.00.

Zion's Classis.—Per Treasurer of Synod, \$25.00.

Recapitulation.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 1st, 1895.....	\$608.75
Received from Maryland Classis.....	582.19
" " Mercersburg Classis.....	540.95
" " Gettysburg Classis.....	420.00
" " Carlisle Classis.....	320.26
" " Virginia Classis.....	300.00
" " Juniata Classis.....	188.00
" " Zion's Classis.....	25.00
Total receipts.....	\$2,985.15.

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

Paid to beneficiary students of Maryland Classis.....	\$600.00
" " " Gettysburg Classis.....	650.00
" " " Carlisle Classis.....	550.00
" " " Mercersburg Classis.....	450.00
" " " Virginia Classis.....	150.00
" " " Juniata Classis.....	150.00
" " " Zion's Classis.....	25.00
Postage and stationery.....	2.25
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1896.....	317.90

Making \$2,985.15.

We do hereby certify that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's report, together with the summaries of receipts and payments, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the treasury to be \$317.90, on the 1st day of October, 1896.

WM. C. SCHAEFFER,

WM. C. CREMER.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod during the session of Wednesday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:
To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to present to your reverend body the following annual report:

At our annual meeting in June, 1896, the Board organized by the re-election of the same officers as last year, viz: W.

Rush Gillan, *President*; Rev. F. F. Bahner, *Secretary*; and E. J. Bonbrake, *Treasurer*.

It is with great pleasure and sincere gratification that we announce that the school is enjoying a greater degree of prosperity and a larger measure of patronage than ever before.

The Commencement exercises in June were well attended and very interesting.

During the year one hundred and six students were enrolled. Forty-two of them finished the course.

Of these, eleven have entered Franklin and Marshall College; one Ursinus; one Princeton; two Cornell; one Washington and Jefferson; three Lafayette; two the University of Pennsylvania; one Dickinson; one Lehigh; one Harvard; one Williams; one Jefferson Medical College, and one Philadelphia Dental College.

Fifteen are not at school.

We are informed that a number of those who entered Franklin and Marshall College intend to enter the ministry of our Church.

Notwithstanding the prevalent financial depression, and the large number who finished the course last year, the school opened this year with a larger number than was enrolled at the opening of any previous year, there being at the opening seventy-seven boarders and twenty-four day scholars.

The Faculty consists, in addition to Dr. Irvine, the President, of S. G. Shartle, A. B., English and Modern Languages; L. A. Morrow, A. B., Greek, English and Oratory; Van K. Irvine, A. B., Latin; H. E. Smith, A. B., Mathematics; A. Cort, A. B., Latin and Mathematics; G. B. Snyder, C. E., Natural Sciences and Military Tactics; E. A. Cremer, A. B., Greek, History and Calisthenics.

In addition to this there is an instructor in vocal and instrumental music.

For the year ending in June, 1896, the receipts of the school were.....	\$15,981.99
Expenses of the school, including salaries paid	12,106.75
Earnings above expenses.....	\$3,875.24

The old building has been heated by steam, at a cost of one thousand six hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,650.00.)

A new building has been added, adjoining the old College building on the south.

This building is three stories high and is forty-five by sixty-five feet.

On the first floor is a chapel or hall, with a seating capacity of two hundred and fifty; two recitation rooms and one dormitory.

On the second floor are seven dormitories, library and two

recitation rooms, and on the third floor are the society halls and one dormitory.

The building has been heated by steam; a large tank has been placed on the second floor of the old building, into which is carried all the water from the roof of the entire building.

Bath rooms and water closets are supplied from this tank, so that there are now hot and cold water baths.

The contract price of the new building is seven thousand and eighty-five dollars.

The heating of the new building will cost eight hundred dollars.

The cost of the water supply will be about eight hundred dollars.

Neither of these improvements is as yet completed.

We will give a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of these improvements in our next report.

Recent storms damaged the building to some extent.

We are having the damaged part repaired, the cost of which will be about two hundred dollars.

Thus it is that we come again before the Synod to present an account of our stewardship.

When we consider that it is but three years since Dr. Irvine took charge of this school, then without patronage and without equipment; that these three years have been marked by a financial depression, the like of which is not within our memories; that there have been those, during all that time who predicted a failure rather than success; that we have now a school of over one hundred; a building with modern conveniences and fairly well equipped; that last year we sent from us forty-two students; that at the end of this school year we will send out thirty-five more, we cannot but say, "Thanks be to Almighty God" that we have been permitted to have taken at least a part in the accomplishing of this great good.

We say to the Church, with the greatest degree of confidence, here is a training school for boys (the only school of its kind under the care of the Synod of the Potomac) which will compare favorably with any school in the country.

It is not only a school which challenges and deserves your support, but it is a school which you can, without any hesitation or lack of confidence, recommend to the people of any church in the land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Directors of the Woman's College, of Frederick, Md., herewith present their third annual report:

The officers of the Board are, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.,

President, Rev. C. S. Slagle, Secretary, and Prof. Jos. H. Apple, Treasurer and Financial Agent.

Three regular meetings of the Board were held during the year, as follows: in April, for reorganization, the election of the Faculty and the outlining of the work for the next year; during Commencement week, and again in connection with the opening of the present collegiate year. The work in the interim is conducted through a local committee, and when, in its judgment, it is necessary, special meetings of the full Board are called.

We have given time and thoughtful attention to the interests committed to us and everything has been done in accordance with our best judgment.

By reference to the catalogue it will be seen that the entire enrolment of students during last year was 133, of which number 45 were boarders.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board was audited September 10th, 1896, and found to be correct.

The total receipts from all sources, pertaining to the College work, were \$10,823.33, and the outlay for current expenses and loss was \$11,059.00, creating a net deficiency of \$225.67 for the current year.

Upon careful examination, we find that our total liabilities of every kind are \$1,577.11, whilst our total resources, comprehending unpaid accounts, fuel, provisions, supplies, books, stationery, music, furniture and fixtures, are \$2,037.37, leaving to our credit \$460.26.

This balance does not, however, meet the necessary outlay for increased equipment.

The rental of \$1,000 for the past year has been paid.

The Scientific and Chemical Laboratory constructed and equipped last year, at a cost of \$500, has been paid for during the year, by the liberality of a few friends of the College in and around Frederick, through the agency of Prof. Apple.

Additions to the library to the value of \$80, have been made during the year, without drawing upon the resources of the College.

A year of successful College work was closed on the 11th of June last, at which time a class of six was graduated, amid evidences of wide-spread interest and enthusiasm.

The fourth year of College work was resumed on Tuesday, September 8th, 1896, under encouraging auspices. The course of study is being gradually raised and extended. Classes in each year's course are fully organized and a larger number of students than ever before are enrolled in the regular College classes. This is a decided and important advance.

There is a growing confidence in the ability of the College to benefit its patrons. This is manifest by the extension of its

patronage into new and distant territory. The present enrolment is in excess of that of last year and has in it representatives from six States, sixteen of whom are the daughters of ministers of the Reformed Church.

The buildings are in better condition than ever before for the reception of students.

Several distinct gains to the Faculty have been made. Jennie Thomas succeeds Ellen Souder as teacher of Elocution. Bessie A. Wentz has taken entire charge of the Primary Department; Cyrus Thomas, Ph.D., is Lecturer on Natural History, and Mary Noss, instructor in Science.

During the past summer, five of our Faculty were at Chautauqua, N. Y., under the instruction of specialists in their several departments, and have returned with the latest and best methods for their class-room work. The real enthusiasm on the part of our Faculty is full of promise and counts for very much as to our future work.

Internally the affairs of the College are all that could be expected.

Three years of College work has been successfully carried on without any cost whatever to this Synod or the Church in general. The burden and responsibility have thus far been carried entirely by your Board and President Apple. This can be no longer successfully done, as our experience has demonstrated to us. We must have assistance or relief.

There are three ways in which this can be obtained. *First*, by cheapening the Faculty and the boarding. This would lower the standard of the College, create dissatisfaction and sacrifice all that has been gained by three years of hard and honest work.

Second, by increasing the charges to the students. In this way the high standard of the College may be maintained, but it would place it beyond the reach of that larger class of our own people for whom it was especially called into existence.

Third, by raising an endowment, the interest of which shall at least be equal to the rent that must be paid for our buildings.

This latter plan is the only one that commends itself to your Board, and that we can conceive that the Church would be willing to consider. It is in itself feasible, just and right. The claims of our daughters upon our financial resources as a Church, must be recognized as well as those of our sons.

To lower the standard of the College to that of the ordinary ladies' boarding school would leave us no reasonable excuse to prosecute the work for the higher education of our daughters, which has been so auspiciously begun.

To materially increase the charges of the College would exclude that large class of our people who most need and are most benefited by the present arrangement, and would compel

us to compete for patronage chiefly outside of our own Church. We feel sure that this Synod would not care to conduct a church school along this line.

To continue the work as at present conducted, and to successfully carry it forward, we must have help and we need it at once.

We have also reached a point in our history at which it is important that your Board should become a body "Incorporate in Law," with power to confer degrees. In the present Senior Class there are students who will complete the full course of studies as outlined for our College work, and upon whom suitable degrees should be conferred at the close of the present year. There is at this time no authority lodged in any body to confer such degrees. We therefore ask that you authorize us to become "Incorporated."

In accordance with your instructions given last year, we have effected an extension of our present lease for ten years, modified by the following language, which is officially endorsed on the lease, namely:

"September 28, 1896. By order of the Board of Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary, the above lease is hereby extended for the term of ten years from August 1st, 1898, subject to the modification in regard to the manner of paying the rental agreed to by this Board on October 21st, 1895, to wit: that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum herein before stipulated to be paid, five hundred dollars thereof shall be applied by this Board in payment for tuition for pupils selected by it, at the usual rates."

Witness the hand and seal of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Frederick Female Seminary.

True copy.

CHAS. E. TRAIL, [SEAL]

President of the Board:

Attest:—JOHN H. CUTSHALL.

It will be observed that the terms on which this ten years' extension of the lease has been secured are in our favor, when compared with the conditions imposed by the original lease, and are the best that can be secured.

Respectfully submitted on the part of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

FREDERICK, MD., Oct., 1896.

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.
To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

RESPECTED BRETHREN:—The undersigned hereby presents to your honorable body the following as the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1895-'96.

1. In September, 1895, the Seminary began its work for the year with thanksgivings and rejoicings, in the new building erected on its own ground. It had been carried forward previously for 23 years in inadequate quarters in the college building; and its occupancy of a new structure of its own, which is all that could be desired, presents a marked contrast, for which the Church at large should be truly thankful to Almighty God, who has thus blessed our School of the Prophets.

2. The following young gentlemen were admitted to the *Junior Class* in September, 1895: Albert Orlando Bartholomew, Linton M. Fetterolf, Hugh Kerr Fulton, Paul Lambert Gerhard, Edwin Mittman Hartman, George W. Hartman, Thaddeus G. Helm, Paul S. Leinbach, Gustav R. Poetter, Ward W. Reese, Calvin J. Rhen, Morris E. Schadt, Daniel E. Schaeffer, Frederick Curtis Seitz, George E. Shaw, William D. Stoyer, and Victor J. Tingler, 17 in all; of this number 10 were graduates of F. & M. College; one of John Hopkins University; one of Muhlenberg College; one from Ursinus College; one of Thiel College; one of Calvin College; one of Harvard University, and one was admitted from F. & M. Academy. During the winter Mr. Shaw was overtaken with a serious illness, and in the providence of God was removed to a better country. He was an earnest and faithful Christian, a diligent student, and one of the most proficient in his class.

3. The *Middle Class* consisted of the persons admitted to the Junior Class in 1894, with the exception of Messrs. Nace and Plank, who did not return during the year; but two new students were added to their number, Conrad A. Hauser, a graduate of John Hopkins, and the Rev. Charles F. McMann, a minister of the Baptist Church. Total, 29.

4. The *Senior Class* consisted of the following members: Joseph P. Bachman, Benoni Bates, J. Calvin Bolger, John W. Buck, William E. Bushong, Moses N. George, Frederick C. Hüllhorst, Edward O. Keen, Harry M. Klein, Edwin H. Laubach, D. Elmer Master, Frank H. Moyer, Jacob G. Rupp, Charles D. Shaffer, Adam P. Stover, Jacob N. Wagenhurst, Charles E. Wagner, Ernest E. Weaver, and David J. Wolf; total, 19. Having pursued the course prescribed in the Seminary, the members of this class received the usual *Testimonials* at the anniversary of the Seminary, in May. The number of students enrolled was 65.

5. As regards "the moral and Christian conduct of the students, their application to study and their readiness to engage in the practical work of the Church, there is nothing to be said," in the opinion of the Faculty, "but what is commendable." If there is any difference, the average standing of the students as to scholarship and Christian character was rather

higher than that of some previous years. Their average grades for scholarship were encouraging.

6 The instruction in elocution during the year has been satisfactory. According to the report of the Faculty, "Miss Morgan has rendered better satisfaction to her classes than any male teacher we have ever been able to engage." She, however, has declined to serve during the coming year, and no arrangement has been made to fill her place.

7. As a Board, we have endeavored to discharge our responsible duties, and it is our privilege once more to report that the Seminary, under the divine care, continues to be in a prosperous condition, furnishing more laborers for the moral harvests of the world. To the Father in Heaven be all the praise.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, *Secretary*.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 5, 1896.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Enclosed find a synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the Board held two special and two regular meetings. The special meetings were held Nov. 19th, 1895, and Dec. 3d, 1895, to take action in reference to the erection of a house for the Potomac Synod's professor. As the Seminary grounds were not considered suitable for the erection of the house, the Building Committee suggested the purchase of a lot of ground on James street, from Professor Theodore Appel. No final action was then taken.

The regular annual meeting was held on May 14th, 1896, when the following officers were elected: President, George N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess, and Treasurer, John B. Roth. At this meeting a committee was appointed to purchase the lot above referred to, at \$50 per foot.

The regular fall meeting of the Board was held in the Seminary building, on October 6th, 1896, at which meeting the committee, appointed in May, reported that in accordance with the instruction of the Board they had purchased a lot from Prof. Theodore Appel, containing a frontage of 50 feet on James street, at \$50 per foot (\$2,500), whereupon the Board passed the following preambles and resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees found it necessary to secure additional ground for the erection of a professor's house at a cost of \$2,500, and

WHEREAS, \$1,250 has only been secured for that purpose by the personal subscription of individual members of the Board,

and a further sum of \$1,250 will be needed to pay for the property, therefore,

Resolved, That the three Synods be requested to assume the balance (viz., \$1,250), and provide funds for the payment of the same.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, in its report of 1894, requested the Synods to provide such an increase of the endowment fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising, and

WHEREAS, The Synods were then requested to assume *annual apportionments* for an adequate amount until sufficient revenues be obtained from other sources, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to appropriate \$1,200 to meet the annual expenses of the present year, in the following manner:

Eastern Synod	\$600
Potomac Synod	400
Pittsburg Synod	200

The following minute was adopted, in reference to the death of Daniel W. Gross, a former member of the Board:

"It has become the sad duty of the Board of Trustees to make a record of the departure of one who was for a long time a distinguished and influential member of our body, Daniel W. Gross, of Harrisburg, Pa. For twenty-five years and upwards he was our efficient and honored presiding officer. Only when the increasing infirmities of advancing age demanded it, were the Eastern Synod and the Board willing to yield to his persistent request to be relieved of the responsibilities of his official trust.

"Mr. Gross was a devoted member of the Reformed Church, a warm and faithful friend of the Theological Seminary and of Franklin and Marshall College, a wise, steady and liberal supporter of every measure adopted to promote the growth of these institutions. He was not only a faithful friend, but he was no less a judicious counsellor, whose judgment in practical affairs commanded the respect of all who were associated with him.

"Whilst we lament his departure and keenly feel the loss which this Board and the Church militant have sustained, we are profoundly grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for the long life and noble services of such a man of faith; and we rejoice in the testimony to the virtue of Christian truth, which by his fidelity and the consistency of his character he has bequeathed to us."

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,

Secretary.

HELLERTOWN, October 7th, 1896.

Synopsis of the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Endowment Fund.		
Oct.	1. Amount of Endowment Fund.....	\$94,418.69
1896	Dr.	
CURRENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.		
Oct.	1 To sundry incomes and interests received from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896.....	\$6,331.61
	Cr.	
	By salary accounts and sundry bills paid as per vouchers from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896	7,075.81
	Balance due Treasurer October 1, 1895.....	2,328.12
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		\$9,403.93
1896.	By amount Dr. brought down.....	6,331.61
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Oct.	1. Amount balance due Treasurer.....	\$3,072.32
Library Fund.		
	Principal	\$1,819.96
	Dr.	
	Received interest on fund to October 1, 1896..	\$65.99
	Received balance due to Oct. 1, 1895.....	202.22
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		\$268.21
	Cr.	
1896.	By sundry bills paid to date.....	\$161.10
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Oct.	1. Balance due fund.....	\$107.11
The William A. Wilt Fund.		
Oct.	1. Principal	\$833.33
	Interest on this fund accounted for in the cur- rent expenses account of Seminary.	
Smalts Fund.		
1896.		
Oct.	1. Principal	\$5,000.00
Oct.	1. Interest received on same to October 1, 1896..	250.00
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	Cr.	
1896.		
Oct.	1. By cash account Treasurer of Beneficiary Board of Education.....	\$250.00
Pittsburg Professorship Fund.		
1895.		
Oct.	1. Amount of principal in hands of Treasurer of Theological Seminary.....	\$16,823.19
Oct.	1. Received bond of Second Church, of	

	Greensburg	6,000.00	
Oct.	1. Received Thomas Donohoe note.....	2,000.00	
			<u>\$24,823.19</u>

1896.			
March	26. Received legacy of Susanna Weyandt, per Michael Bortz, executor of.....		<u>\$653.00</u>

and said sum paid to W. R. Barnhart for investment, per his receipt to John B. Roth, Treasurer.

1896.			
	DR.		
	To sundry interest received on said fund from October 1, 1895, to October 1, 1896.....		<u>\$1,471.16</u>

	CR.		
1896.			
Sept.	9. By Cash paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., Pittsburg Synod's Professor.....		<u>\$1,471.16</u>

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

1896.			
	Principal		<u>\$2,000.75</u>

	DR.		
May	1. To balance due fund October 1, 1895	\$69.95	
	1. Interest on same to date.....	50.00	<u>\$119.95</u>

	CR.		
May	9. By prize paid H. M. Kline per award of committee.....	\$100.00	
May	9. Sundry expenses paid.....	2.00	<u>\$102.00</u>

Oct.	1. Due fund.....		<u>\$17.95</u>
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The Jacob Forney Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	1. For Alcove in Theological Seminary Library building		<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Oct.	1. By interest due on same to October 1, 1895.....	\$50.00	
Oct.	1. By interest due on same to October 1, 1896.....	50.00	<u>\$100.00</u>

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1895.			
Oct.	1. For amount principal.....	\$239.60	
1896.			
May	8. For additional principal received of W. M. Irvine.....	68.12	<u>\$307.72</u>

	DR.		
1895.			
Oct.	1. To balance due fund.....	.16	
Oct.	1. To interest due to October 1, 1895..	4.98	
1896.			
May	8. Interest due to May 1, 1896.....	5.98	

May	8.	Cash received of W. M. Irvine.....	3.88	\$15.00
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CR.

May	8.	By prize paid A. O. Reiter, per award of committee		\$15.00
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Seminary Building Fund.

DR.

1895.				
Oct.	1.	To balance in hands of Treasurer..	\$51.47	
1896.				
Jany.	11.	To cash received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	1,063.98	
March	6.	To cash received of John J. Nissley. CR.	748.53	\$1,863.98
Jany.	11.	By sundry bills paid.....	\$63.98	
		By amount paid on account of Wolff Property bo't by Seminary.....	1,000.00	
March	6.	By property bo't by Seminary.....	800.00	\$1,863.98

The Henry Wirt Fund.

		For Alcove in Seminary Library.....	\$1,000.00
		By interest on same to October 1, 1896.....	50.00

The J. C. Bowman Trust Fund (Alcove).

1896.			
Oct.	1.	Principal	\$750.00
		By interest due on same to October 1, 1896....	35.00

Theological Seminary Class of 1894 Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	1.	(For Alcove)— Sundry obligations in hands of Treasurer amounting to.....	\$981.00

CR.

Oct.	1.	By cash paid on same to October 1, 1896.....	\$129.00
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The John Reigel Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	1.	Principal	\$15,680.00

CR.

		By note on account due July 20, 1895	\$3,920.00
		By note on account due July 20, 1896	3,920.00
			\$7,840.00

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

DR.

1895.			
Oct.	5.	Of W. Susquehanna Classis for Elocution.....	\$6.00
Oct.	8.	" " Lehigh Classis, per John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Seminary expenses.....	37.00
Oct.	16.	Of Synod of the Potomac Elocution.....	75.00
Dec.	9.	" Zion's Classis' Seminary expenses	\$15.00

Dec.	9. Of Zion's Classis' Elocution.....	5.34	\$20.34
Dec. 1896.	17. Of Lebanon Classis' Elocution.....		\$14.00
May	2. Of E. Pennsylvania Classis' Elocution.....		10.00
May	4. Of Zion's Classis' Elocution.....	\$1.62	
May	4. Of Zion's Classis' Seminary expenses	8.23	\$9.85
May	5. Of E. Susquehanna Classis' Elocution	\$4.35	
May	5. Of East Susquehanna Classis' Seminary expenses.....	25.25	\$29.60
May	5. Of Goshenhoppen Classis' Elocution	\$6.75	
May	5. Of Goshenhoppen Classis' Seminary expenses	41.00	\$47.75
May	6. Of W. Susquehanna Classis' Seminary expenses		21.00
May	8. Of Pittsburgh Synod Elocution.....		75.00
May	8. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod Elocution	\$13.00	
May	8. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Seminary expenses.....	49.00	\$62.00
May	19. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Seminary expenses.....	\$15.00	
May	19. Of John J. Nissley, Treasurer Synod, Elocution	21.00	\$36.00
May	23. Of Pittsburgh Synod Seminary expenses.....		100.00
July	22. Of Potomac Synod Seminary expenses	\$91.81	
July	22. Of Potomac Synod Elocution.....	75.00	\$166.81
Sept.	25. Of Tohickon Classis' Elocution.....		9.00
Sept.	29. Of Schuylkill Classis paid by the Treasurer of Reading Classis for Seminary expenses.....		36.00
			<hr/> \$755.35

Charged to Treasurer in the Current expense account of Theological Seminary, September 30, 1896.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, report that we attended to the duty assigned us and we find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
JACOB H. STEIN,
Committee.

Lancaster, October 2, 1896.

Catawba College.

The special committee under item 7 of Report on Minutes of Synod, appointed last year, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and the traveling expenses of the committee were ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Synod. The report is as follows:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your committee, charged with carrying out the action of the Synod at Frederick in reference to the transferring of Catawba College, under the care of the North Carolina Classis, to the care and supervision of this Synod, begs leave to report that, after considerable correspondence with the officers and committee of the North Carolina Classis, charged with the subject involved in the action of the Synod, your committee thought it wise to go to Newton, where the College is located, and have a personal interview with the committee appointed by the North Carolina Classis, for the purpose of such conference. On the 12th of last February, by mutual agreement, we met the committee of the Classis, in the Reformed Church of Newton, N. C. We then discussed with them the whole question started by the Synod in the appointment of this commission. And seeing that the educational interests of our Church in the South, if it needed no theological professor at this time, it needed the strengthening of the literary school already existing, we accordingly proceeded to make arrangements to bring Catawba College under the care of the Synod.

The following is the result of our conference, which both committees agreed to submit for the approval of the Synod and the Classis, which we now submit to your prayerful and earnest consideration.

We have just learned from the minutes of the North Carolina Classis and the Trustees of Catawba College, that they have unanimously approved of said agreement, and are now ready to offer us a report of their condition, and will have the Synod nominate such persons as we deem proper to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees about to occur.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, J. O. MILLER, *Chairman*.

**Report of Committees Relative to Placing Catawba College
Under the Care of the Synod of the Potomac.**

Responding to the overture of the Potomac Synod, recently in session in Frederick, Maryland, and the action of the North Carolina Classis in regard thereto, we, the undersigned committees of said Synod and of the said Classis, appointed to consider said overture, beg leave to report that we have agreed upon the following plan, subject to the approval of the said Synod and said Classis, relative to placing Catawba College under the care of said Synod:

1. The Classis concedes to the Synod of the Potomac the nomination of the Trustees of the College, who shall make report annually to said Synod, and agrees to choose in accordance with the charter of said College, passed in 1852, those that may be nominated; and further agrees to make provision as

soon as practicable to allow the nominations to be made as aforesaid.

2. In consideration of the concession by said Classis as herein expressed, the Synod of the Potomac agrees to furnish *one thousand dollars* annually to the Trustees of said College until at least *seventeen thousand dollars* of endowment, additional to that which the College now has, shall be raised by an agent of the Trustees of said College, or otherwise; and that the said sum of seventeen thousand dollars be raised as speedily as possible.

3. With this addition to the endowment, that fund will still be far short of the needs of the College and its prospective work, and we recommend that the Trustees prosecute the work of endowment until the needs shall be fully met.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER,
E. R. ESCHBACH,
JOHN E. ROLLER,
Committee of the Synod.
J. L. MURPHY,
S. M. FINGER,
M. L. McCORKLE,
J. C. LEONARD,
J. C. CLAPP,
Committee of the Classis.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

In view of the recent action of committees of your body and the Classis of North Carolina, which was ratified by the said Classis at its meeting last May, contemplating putting Catawba College under the care of Synod, we make the following report:

We submit the latest catalogue, and an address made by Maj. S. M. Finger in 1891, which gives the charter of the College and a history of it from its establishment, in 1850, to the date of the address, in 1891. It will be seen that up to that date about 2,500 persons had attended its instruction for a longer or shorter time. Up to the present date near 3,000 students have been in attendance, mostly in the academic department. Special attention is called to this department. It will be seen by reference to the catalogues for many years, that perhaps seventy-five per cent. of all the students enrolled have been entirely in this department. The course of instruction given in it meets the demands of the great majority of the young people in this section of the country. A large per cent. of our young men who desire to prepare themselves for business or even the higher professions are unable to take a full college course. But by taking the full academic course they

are fairly prepared for the callings which they propose to follow. Thorough work is done in this department and, of course, must be done by the regular professors of the College, which takes much of their time and energy.

For this reason it is well that the friends and Trustees look carefully after the interests of the academic department. It should be borne in mind that the greater part of the income from tuition comes from the students of this department. The present endowment fund is about \$10,000.00. The catalogue submitted herewith shows an enrolment of 162, which includes students in the primary, music, academic, and collegiate departments. The fall session of this present scholastic year shows about the same conditions as existed last year. The enrolment is not quite so large this year, but it shows an increase in the college classes. Last year there were seven in the Freshman class; four in the Sophomore; three in the Junior, and three in the Senior. This year there are twelve in the Freshman, four in the Sophomore, three in the Junior and three in the Senior.

The Synod will recognize how difficult it is to retain the advanced students when they consider that there are so many other colleges in the State with better endowments and equipments. The Trustees and other friends of the College have prayed, and labored, and hoped for more favorable conditions, and now they rejoice in the prospect of help through the Synod.

We wish specially to thank the Synod for the donation made at its last session. Most of this \$400 has been received, and it served, or will serve when all shall have been received, to enable the Trustees to pay expenses of the last scholastic year.

This year your Trustees have found it necessary to add to the teaching force, and consequently to the expense. This has been done in order to retain the advance students to the end that the College shall suffer no loss pending the negotiations now under consideration by the Synod. To meet the expenses of the present year, about \$500 will be required above our prospective receipts, which it is hoped the Synod will find some way to furnish.

We enclose herewith a list of the Trustees. It shows the three classes of six each into which they are now divided and the dates of expirations of terms of office. Six terms expire every year and the Classis fills them at its annual meeting in May. If Synod will ratify the action of the committees above referred to, and will nominate six Trustees, they will be appointed next May; and if desirable, others will resign, so that Synod at this session may nominate a majority of the Trustees.

M. L. McCORKLE, *President*.

H. A. FORNEY, *Secretary*.

NEWTON, N. C., Oct. 11, 1896.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports have been referred, reported during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Education would respectfully beg leave to report that the following list of documents has come into our hands:

Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary.

Catalogue of the College for Women, Frederick Md.

Catalogue of Allentown College for Women.

Catalogue of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

Catalogue of Calvin College, Cleveland.

Report of the Board of Directors, Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Board of Education.

Communication from Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, with reference to Calvin College.

From these documents we gather and present for your favorable consideration a number of items of interest.

I.—Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., and Request from the Same.

With gratification your committee learns from this report that the College continues to increase in prosperity and efficiency. The number of students grows every year, and the high standard of the College is rapidly working its way into recognition.

All this refers itself to laborious, painstaking effort upon the part of those having the management in their hands.

It also appears that such onward movement as the College has been making toward providing the daughters of our Church with the best possible culture has involved increased expenditure of money as well as energy. More rooms have had to be furnished, to meet the enlarged patronage, and greater facilities have had to be provided in many of the departments.

On this account, the report of the Board shows that, whilst the total receipts of the Institution have each year exceeded

the actual, current expenses of running it, provision for the needed facilities has each year created a deficiency, to which this year \$225.67 have been added.

The Board represents that, under the present arrangement, it will be impossible to prevent an annual deficit of the kind, until the accumulation will become a serious hindrance, if not a menace to the existence of the Institution.

Accordingly, the Board makes an appeal to the Synod for assistance and relief in a speedy and substantial way. Maryland Classis also overtures the Synod to raise an endowment fund of twenty thousand dollars for the College.

Your committee is persuaded that the Synod appreciates the noble, heroic labors of President Apple and the Board of Directors to make the College a credit to the Church and power for good among our young women, and that there is no disposition to have them continue their work according to a plan which will occasion an increasing indebtedness from year to year. To forestall this, and to meet the request of the Board for assistance, your committee propose for your favorable consideration the following actions:

Resolved, That this Synod take steps at once to create an endowment fund of twenty thousand dollars for the Woman's College at Frederick, Md.

Resolved, That the Synod appoint a committee, consisting of Revs. A. S. Weber, F. F. Bahner, and M. M. Noacher, who shall, with whatever co-operation they may receive from Prof. J. H. Apple, solicit contributions to this fund throughout the Church; and that the committee be further authorized to raise one thousand dollars for current expenses.

Resolved, That the request of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College to become a corporate body, with power to confer degrees, be granted.

Resolved, That the Synod ratify the action of the Board, in securing an extension of lease of the College buildings for a period of ten years, from August 1st, 1898.

II.—Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

In the papers coming to us upon this subject, encouraging signs of increased vitality in the Institution are to be noted. There is evident a growing disposition upon the part of those having the College in charge to bring it into proper, unstrained relation to the Synod, and, doubtless, when this is fully and completely done, it will give a marked impetus to the working of the College.

The brethren of North Carolina Classis are to be commended for their self-sacrificing zeal in laboring, amidst many discouraging circumstances, to preserve the Institution from disintegration.

The number of students reported in the catalogue is an indication that ample patronage of the College may be secured if it be suitably provided with equipment to compete with other colleges contiguous to it.

The Board informs us that the income for the current year will fall short of meeting the expenses to the sum of five hundred dollars, and asks that Synod devise some way of making good this deficit.

We recommend that, for the purpose of giving relief to the College in its present needs, two hundred and fifty dollars be donated by the Synod from the Contingent fund, and that all the Classes and congregations be urged to pay the apportionment for Catawba College at as early a date as possible.

III.—Franklin and Marshall College.

The catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and the report of the President tell us of the continued increase of the number of students, and prospects of the College. These prospects demand larger equipment in buildings and endowment, for which the prayers and assistance of the Synod are asked. Your committee propose the following:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the prosperity of F. and M. College, and pray the Lord's richest blessing to rest upon it.

Resolved, That we commend the College to parents and all others who would be loyal to the Church as the best place for their sons and wards to receive a broad, liberal education.

Resolved, That we express our full sympathy with all the proposed forward movements at this seat of learning, and call upon the men and women of our Synod who are blessed with this world's goods, to respond liberally to the pleas made, and projects inaugurated for the greater efficiency of Franklin and Marshall College.

IV.—Theological Seminary.

The Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary requests this Synod again to assume four hundred dollars to make up the deficit in the current expenses of the Seminary. We recommend that the Synod accede to this request and that the sum of four hundred dollars be apportioned to the several Classes of the Synod for this purpose.

The report of the Board of Visitors conveys to the Synod the gratifying intelligence that this school of the prophets has at last been enabled to occupy its own building erected upon its own ground; that the number of students continues large, having been 65 for the past year; and that "the moral and Christian conduct of the students, their application to study, and their readiness to engage in the practical work of the Church" has been commendable. All of which is cause for devout gratitude to Almighty God.

V.—Mercersburg College.

From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College we learn of continued and increasing prosperity. We rejoice in the fact that this ancient seat of learning has taken on new life, and that it promises greater and better things for the future. With a revenue exceeding its current expenses, this Institution has been enlarging and improving its facilities, and at this time makes no requests of Synod except its good will and patronage. We recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That we call the attention of our people to this school for boys and recommend it to parents who may have sons to send to a school of this grade, as a school worthy of their patronage and support.

From the catalogue of the Allentown College we learn that that Institution for the daughters of the Church is in a fairly prosperous condition, in which we rejoice. Dr. H. J. Ruetenik tells us of improvements and enlargements in Calvin College, and of young men prepared by it for the difficult German-English fields in the larger cities. We recommend that the Synod apportion the three hundred dollars promised several years ago. for Calvin College.

VI.—Board of Education.

The Board of Education reports a fair degree of prosperity and success. Five young men have completed their Collegiate and Theological course, viz: J. Calvin Bolger, Wm. E. Bushong, James M. S. Isenberg, Charles E. Wagner, and David J. Wolf. During the past year 24 students were aided. For the coming year appropriations were voted to 25. To carry on the work the Board asks that the sum of forty-two hundred dollars be apportioned among the several Classes.

We recommend as follows:

First, we commend the carefulness and zeal with which the Board has discharged its work.

Second, we commend anew to the Classes and pastors the cause of Beneficiary Education.

Third, we recommend that the sum of forty-two hundred dollars be apportioned among the several Classes.

VII.—Beneficiary Endowment Fund.

An overture from Rev. H. King, relative to the establishment of a Beneficiary Endowment Fund by contributions from the ministers of the Church.

Your committee, upon consideration of the matter, would respectfully recommend, that inasmuch as we now have an organized system of beneficiary work in which all our ministers are expected to be personally interested, we do not deem it

advisable to start any additional movement of the kind, to divert the interest of the clergy from the regular channels, and that therefore we decline to adopt the plan proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RESSER, *Chairman*.

Item 9 of Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee for consideration. The committee suggested a few modifications, which were not, however, adopted, and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Education were approved by the Synod, with but very slight modification. As approved by the Synod, they are here given:

Rules and Regulations Governing Beneficiary Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN:—At the annual meeting of the Board of Education, held at Chambersburg, Pa., August 13th, 1896, the following Rules and Regulations governing Beneficiary Education, were adopted by the Board, and now submitted to the Synod for its approval:

I.—Reception of Applicants.

1. All applicants for beneficiary aid shall be examined by a committee of the Board of Education, or by a committee appointed by one of the Classes of the Potomac Synod. In either case the report of the committee shall be submitted to the Board for approval, before aid is given.

2. The examination shall have reference to the applicant's personal piety, motives for seeking entrance to the office of the Holy Ministry, attachment to the Reformed Church, need of aid, disposition to do all in his power to maintain himself, personal habits, studies, talents, gifts for public speaking, physical qualifications to perform the duties of the ministry, and willingness to submit to the rules of the Board.

3. As part of said examination, the applicant shall present a written sketch of his life, giving explicit information on the following particulars:

a. Name and residence. *b.* Names of parents and their residence. *c.* Date and place of birth. *d.* Date of baptism and confirmation. *e.* Name of congregation and pastor. *f.* Religious habits, including attendance on public worship, communion, Sunday School and Bible study. *g.* Knowledge of the Heidelberg Catechism. *h.* Past employment. *i.* Motives for seeking entrance to the Holy Ministry. *j.* State of health. *k.* Inherited tendencies to disease, if any exist. *l.* Married or engaged to be married. *m.* Financial obligations, if any; to whom and to what extent. *n.* Present or prospective financial resources. *o.* Ability of parents to aid. *p.* Amount of aid needed. *q.* Schools attended.

4. This written sketch shall in all cases be presented to the Board.

5. Every applicant shall present testimonials in regard to character from his pastor, in regard to scholarship and ability from his teacher, or teachers, and in regard to his physical condition from his physician.

6. No student shall receive aid who is not sufficiently advanced in his studies to enter the Freshman Class in College.

II.—Beneficiaries.

1. Students under the care of the Board, shall in all ordinary cases prosecute their studies in one of the recognized institutions of the Church, and pursue the entire collegiate and theological course of study. Exceptions to this rule can be made only with the consent of the Board.

2. No student shall relinquish his studies for any length of time, for any purpose, nor leave the institution with which he may be connected for another, without first obtaining permission from the Board. During all such absences, aid shall be discontinued.

3. Every student shall be punctual and prompt in his attendance, not only upon all the recitations, but also upon all the regular religious services of the institution with which he may be connected.

4. Students, so long as they are in College, shall belong to one or the other of the literary societies of the institution, and while in the Seminary, to the Society of Inquiry, and they shall at no time belong to any secret college fraternity.

5. At the end of each scholastic year, each student shall submit to the Board a written report (together with his term reports), giving explicit information on the following particulars:

a. Class of College or Theological Seminary. *b.* Number of days absent, and for what cause. *c.* State of health. *d.* Any change of views as to your call to the Holy Ministry. *e.* Absence from church services and the Holy Communion, if any; and reasons for the same. *f.* Any debts contracted; for what reason. *g.* Amount of aid needed for the coming year. *h.* Have you complied with the rules of the Board?

6. The Faculties of the Institutions, in which students under the care of this Board are pursuing their studies, are respectfully requested to report to the Board as to their conduct, their diligence and progress; and their fitness for the Holy Ministry.

III.—Appropriations.

1. The aid given to students shall be a loan, without interest.

2. The loan thus given, shall be repaid at the rate of at least \$50.00 per annum, beginning with the second year after the recipient shall have entered upon the active duties of the Ministry.

3. When the annual income of the recipient is not sufficient to warrant the repayment of this amount the Board may grant a reduction, or in certain cases, even remit a certain portion of the indebtedness.

4. When any recipient is engaged in Missionary labor under any of the regular Boards of Missions in the Reformed Church in the United States, the Board of Education shall annually give him credit for \$50.00 on his indebtedness.

5. If any student fails to enter the Ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, or to continue therein at least five years, except for reasons satisfactory to the Board; or if he refuses to obey the rules of the Board, and is for that reason refused further aid, he shall refund the whole amount of appropriations received, with interest.

6. The money refunded, shall be reappropriated to the cause of Beneficiary Education.

7. A copy of the rules shall be placed into the hands of each student, at the time of his reception, for his own use; he shall also sign another copy as a pledge of his acceptance of these rules, which shall be returned to the Treasurer of the Board.

By order of the Board of Education.

J. DAVID MILLER, *Secretary*.

The Standing Committee, under item 1 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Report of Auditing Committee of Seminary Endowment Securities.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting of Synod to audit the Seminary Endowment securities, begs leave to report:

The committee met in Hanover, Pa., September 28th, 1896, attended to the duty of its appointment, and presents the following report, to wit:

ENDOWMENT FUND.	
Real estate mortgages, railroad and gas bonds in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, on the date above mentioned.....	\$33,900.00
Cash in hand.....	38.00
Total	\$33,938.00
FELLOWSHIP FUND.	
One real estate mortgage.....	\$1,000.00
Certificate of deposit in the Hanover Saving Fund Society.....	374.40
Cash in hand.....	30.00
Total	\$1,404.40

The Treasurer also holds subscriptions in the form of promissory notes, bearing interest, to the amount of \$400.00.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

The committee, under item 6 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, reported progress, and was continued. In the same connection the following was adopted, to wit:

Inasmuch as the demands for the larger endowment of Franklin and Marshall College are imperative, we the committee representing the endowment work of F. & M. College, within the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac, do hereby respectfully recommend and urge all the Classes, pastors and congregations, to open the way for and invite the Field Secretary of the College, the Rev. Ambrose M. Schmidt, to visit their Classes and congregations and hold educational conventions and canvass the charges.

Further, we recommend that the first mass meeting within the bounds of this Synod, in behalf of the Endowment Fund, be held in York, Pa., Rev. J. O. Miller, presiding, during the month of November, 1896, and the services of Hon. W. U. Hensel, Prof. Nathan C. Schaeffer, and President John S. Stahr, be secured for such a public meeting, the canvass being made at the same time.

Further, we hereby authorize the chairman of our committee to co-operate with the Field Secretary in securing speedy entrance into other fields or charges.

Items 7 and 20 of Report on Overtures were referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. A. Santee, F. A. Rupley, jr., and Elder J. T. Duttrerr, which subsequently reported. The report of the committee was received, amended, and then adopted as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your special committee, to whom was referred in part the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and items 7 and 20 of the Report on Overtures, begs leave to report as follows: That the thanks of the Synod of the Potomac are hereby extended to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for their generous donation towards the purchase of a lot for a house for the Professor of this Synod.

But, WHEREAS, The action of this body last year, instructing the building committee to act according to their best judgment, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, but so conditioned that it shall not involve this Synod in any pecuniary obligation; and,

WHEREAS, The committee has purchased a lot for \$2,500.00, of which \$1,250.00 have been provided for, and an equal amount yet remains to be raised; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod does not deem it expedient, at this time, to take any action assuming the payment of this latter amount.

Resolved, That we respectfully decline also to accede to the overture of the Eastern Synod.

Resolved, That the action of Synod last year in the selection of a site for a professor house be reiterated, and that the Board of Trustees and Building Committee be authorized to secure the amount due, \$1,250.00, on the ground recently purchased by the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman*.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday morning, Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and A. S. Weber were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years; Elder W. H. Lakin was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., for the term of five years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. O. Miller were chosen as members of the Board of Visitors for four years, and Elders Israel Laucks and S. Nevin Hench as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary for six years.

The following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, viz: Rev. J. C. Leonard, W. H. Williams, D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. D. Andrew, Elder J. E. Roler, and Rev. C. Clever.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and A. S. Weber, for three years; Rev. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and G. B. Resser, for two years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner, for three years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. B. Shontz, and Elder A. R.

Schnebly, for two years; E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Elder S. Hoeflich, and Rev. I. N. Peightel, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: Elder W. H. Lakin, for five years; Elder A. C. McCardell, for four years; Elder J. E. Roller, for three years; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for two years; and Rev. C. S. Slagle, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. E. R. Eschbach, and J. O. Miller, for four years; and Revs. J. S. Kieffer, and C. Clever, for two years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elder Israel Laucks, and S. Nevin Hench, for six years; Elders George N. Forney, and Edgar Slagle, for four years; and Elders H. Wirt Shriver, and Jacob Cost, for two years.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, annual report of the General Board of Missions, and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several reports are as follows, with the exception of that of the General Board, which has been published in pamphlet form, and therefore is omitted here, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: The report of the General Board of Home Missions furnishes you with all needful details as to the Missions within your bounds. Our report relates mainly to our own finances. As usual, we lay before you the Treasurer's report as a part of our own, calling your attention to several items.

1. Of the apportionment for missions assumed by the Eastern Synod \$13,083.69 have been paid, leaving a deficit of nearly \$4,000; and of the apportionment assumed by the Synod of the Potomac \$5,538.09 have been paid, leaving a deficit of nearly \$3,500.

2. Of the apportionment for Church-building the Eastern Synod paid \$1,644.28, and the Synod of the Potomac \$328.41. As so much of our church-building outlay is within the bounds

of the latter Synod, it is but right that we call the attention of that body to this small amount.

3. It is worthy of public statement that the Missionary Society of Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa., has lately given us another Church-building Fund, the fourth within ten years.

4. It is a great satisfaction to note that of the Church-building funds loaned \$2,000 were repaid within the year, namely, by Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md., by St. Stephen's Mission, Baltimore, Md., and by Steelton, Pa. It is equally gratifying to state that we were able to use \$3,100 of these moneys in the Missions at Harrisburg, Pa.; Bridgeport, Conn.; South Norwalk, Conn.; Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa., and Salisbury, N. C. All the church-building money received on apportionment has been paid to the General Board, except \$150 designated by the East Susquehanna Classis.

5. Two legacies came into the treasury during the year, both from the estate of Maj. J. B. Fisher, of Penn Hall, Pa., namely, a Church-building Fund in memory of his son, to be known as the Adam Calvin Fisher Fund, and \$200, the interest of which is to be used for missions.

6. We desire yet to call the attention of the reverend Synods to the action of the General Synod, as given in the minutes, p. 88, items 13th and 14th. Heretofore all Church-building funds raised in the East, with three exceptions, have gone into the treasury of the Bi-Synodic Board; but now by the action of General Synod such funds, unless otherwise designated, shall hereafter go toward the proposed \$100,000 fund. We trust that by definite statement you will endorse this new departure.

We again record the goodness of God in prospering the work of our hands during the year past, and we pray that this manifest blessing may continue.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB O. MILLER, *President.*

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Dr.

I.—For Missions.

FROM EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis.....	\$2,400.91
Tohickon Classis.....	856.23
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,481.69
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	750.00
Lebanon Classis	992.59
Schuylkill Classis	1,731.72

Lancaster Classis.....	993.63	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	861.85	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	967.67	
Lehigh Classis.....	903.37	
Wyoming Classis.....	524.69	
Reading Classis.....	619.34	\$13,083.69

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Maryland Classis.....	\$1,870.60	
Mercersburg Classis	878.44	
Juniata Classis	1,370.81	
Carlisle Classis	534.90	
Zion's Classis	284.51	
Gettysburg Classis.....	275.00	
Virginia Classis	290.00	
North Carolina Classis	33.83	\$5,538.09

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Wom. Miss. Society, Mercersburg, Pa.....	\$25.00	
Rev. Geo. R. Zacharias.....	2.00	
Mrs. R. Laura Herr, Ridgely, Md.....	10.00	
A lady of Christ's Reformed Ch., Altoona, Pa..	5.00	
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.....	15.00	
Mrs. John A. Beard, Mifflinburg, Pa.....	5.00	
Mrs. D. W. Pellman, Mifflinburg, Pa.....	5.00	
M. B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....	50.00	
Mr. and Mrs. ———, Philadelphia, Pa....	10.00	
Mrs. W. M. Irvine, Mercersburg, Pa.....	10.00	
Rev. Dr. D. M. Wolf.....	10.00	
Ladies' Aid Society, Williamsport, Pa.....	5.00	
Ladies' Sewing So. Refd. Ch., Frederick, Md..	25.00	
Members of the Reformed Ch., Frederick, Md.	60.00	
Emmanuels S. S., Hazleton, Pa.....	10.00	
Member of the Adamstown, Md., charge.....	1.00	
Mrs. Susan Wagner, Landisburg, Pa.....	10.00	
A friend.....	100.00	
Ladies' Aid Society, Lower Saucon, Pa.....	10.00	
From Rev. ———.....	10.00	
Love Circle of Kings Daughters, Third Reformed church, Baltimore, Md.....	15.00	
Miss Soc. Christ's Refd. church, Altoona, Pa..	5.00	
Reformed S. S. Shepherdstown, West Va....	5.00	
Friend, Middletown, Md.....	5.00	
Miss Belle Zimmerman.....	1.00	
Christ's Refd. Ch., Green St., Philadelphia, Pa.	172.97	
Refd. S. S. Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa.	54.40	
Adamstown, Md.....	10.00	
Easter offering, Tioga Mission, Phila., Pa....	2.85	
Refd. S. S. at Reigelsville, Pa.....	139.91	
Refd. congregation, Reigelsville, Pa.....	171.51	
Interest Nevin Boyer Fund.....	5.00	
Students of Theological Sem'y, Lancaster, Pa...	48.78	
First Dept. Refd. Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa...	6.51	
Mrs. Mary C. Fallon, York, Pa.....	5.00	
Miss. Soc. Christ's Refd. Ch., Lower Saucon, Pa	10.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod.....	1,524.95	\$2,560.88

\$21,182.66

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Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board
for Missions \$21,182.66

II.—Designated Moneys.

East Penna. Classis for Stroudsburg, Pa.....	\$519.97	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Turbotsville, Pa., for Trinity, Altoona	5.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Paradise, Pa., for Trinity, Altoona	5.00	
W. Susquehanna Classis for Rev. H. H. Spohn.....	100.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod for Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.....	65.00	
Schuylkill Classis for Rev. D. C. Yost.....	100.00	
“ “ “ “ Y. J. Bower.....	150.00	
“ “ “ “ W. J. Muir.....	200.00	
“ “ “ “ H. Y. Stoner.....	291.46	
“ “ “ “ W. H. Herbert....	97.00	
Lehigh “ “ “ “ M. J. Roth.....	62.50	
“ “ “ “ M. H. Deifenderfer	175.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.....	25.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Calvary Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.....	25.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Christ's Mission, Norristown, Pa.....	15.00	
Wom. Miss. Soc., Eastern Synod, for Rev. H. Tesnow, Denver, Col.....	25.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Holshouser....	100.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. J. M. Lyerly..	50.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. W. H. Mc- Nairy	50.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. J. L. Murphy..	25.00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. M. L. Hedrick	25.00	\$2,110.93
West Susquehanna Classis for Chicago Mission	5.00	
Synod of the Potomac for Chicago Mission....	299.70	
Reformed congregation, Hummelstown, Pa., for Chicago Mission.....	10.00	
J. J. Nissley, Hummelstown, Pa., for Chicago Mission	10.00	
Gettysburg Classis for Chicago Mission.....	154.00	
Maryland “ “ “ “	98.40	
Mercersburg “ “ “ “	12.00	
Zion's “ “ “ “	31.90	\$621.00
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		\$2,731.93

FOR HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac.....	\$219.04	
Jonas Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	30.12	
Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, Treasurer Virginia Classis	35.00	
Rev. Dr. W. M. Deatrick, Treasurer Mercers- burg Classis.....	49.00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	787.37	\$1,120.53

HARBOR MISSIONS.

Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac.	\$229.00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	271.38	\$500.38
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		\$4,352.84
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Paid as designated.....	\$2,110.93	
Paid as designated for Chicago Mission.....	621.00	
Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	1,120.53	
Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer, for Harbor Missions	500.38	\$4,352.84
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III.—Church Building.

1895.

Sept. 18. To balance in treasury.....	\$3,524.64
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FROM EASTERN SYNOD.

Tohickon Classis	\$285.28	
Lebanon Classis	82.77	
Schuylkill Classis	482.00	
Lancaster Classis.....	170.42	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	150.00	
West Susquehanna Classis	208.81	
Lehigh Classis	108.00	
Reading Classis	97.00	\$1,644.28
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FROM SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Carlisle Classis.....	\$105.81	
Edgar Slagle, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac.	217.60	
A friend at Huntingdon, Pa.....	5.00	\$328.41
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FOR CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

Wom. Miss. Society, Wyoming Classis.....	\$30.00	
Wom. Miss. Society, Lebanon Classis.....	60.00	
Catechumen Fund	20.00	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	5.00	
Elder F. G. Hobson.....	100.00	
Emmanuel's, Hanover, Pa., Fund, No. 4.....	500.00	
Adam Calvin Fisher Fund.....	500.00	\$1,215.00
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FROM LOANS REPAID.

Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md., on second mortgage	\$150.00	
Revs. C. Clever and C. W. Levan, Baltimore, Md	1,500.00	
Mrs. Leah Sidel	700.00	
First Reformed church, Steelton, Pa., on ac- count mortgage.....	350.00	
Hungarian Reformed church, South Norwalk, Conn	150.00	\$2,850.00
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\$9,562.33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid loan to Fourth Refd. Ch., Harrisburg, Pa.	1,000.00
Paid loan to Hungarian Reformed church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	600.00

Paid loan to Hungarian church, South Norwalk, Conn	500.00	
Paid donation to Reformed church, South Norwalk, Conn.....	250.00	
Paid loan to Forth Refd. Ch., Harrisburg, Pa.	400.00	
Paid J. C. Crowe on contract, South Norwalk, Conn	150.00	
Paid lot at Salisbury, N. C.....	500.00	
Paid loan Tioga Refd. Ch., Philadelphia, Pa..	1,000.00	
Paid C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, transfer of the McCauley Church Building Fund	500.00	
Paid C. M. Boush, Treas. Church Extension..	1,822.69	
Tower City, Pa., designated by East Susquehanna Classis	150.00	
1896.		
Sept. 25. Balance in treasury.....	2,689.64	\$9,562.33

IV.—Interest Account.

1895.		
Sept. 18. To balance in the treasury.....	91.62	
From Mrs. C. A. Fremell.....	138.00	
“ Faith Mission, Baltimore, Md.....	9.00	
“ Trinity, Altoona, Pa.....	38.00	
“ Grace Reformed church, Abilene, Kas..	33.00	
“ Mrs. Leah Sidel.....	55.00	
“ St. Paul’s Reformed Ch., Roanoke, Va..	90.00	
“ dividend York Bank Stock, Spangler legacy	56.25	
From Heidelberg Refd. Ch., Thomasville, N. C.	10.00	
“ First Refd. Ch., Royersford, Pa.....	20.00	
“ Interest Jacob Wagner legacy.....	100.00	
“ Calvary Reformed church, Scranton, Pa.	60.00	
“ Brown Memorial church, Wichita, Kas.	45.00	
“ General Board of Home Missions.....	80.00	\$825.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid traveling expenses of the Board, insurance, taxes, postage, &c.....	\$137.20	
Paid collateral inheritance tax on Fisher legacies	35.00	
Paid salaries of Secretary and Treasurer.....	150.00	
Paid Rev. Jesse H. String, street improvements, Philadelphia, Pa.....	250.00	
Sept. 25. Balance in treasury.....	253.67	\$825.87

V.—Legacy Account.

From estate of J. B. Fisher, Penn Hall, Pa.....	\$200.00
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1896.

Sept. 25. Balance in treasury.....	\$200.00
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Respectfully submitted,

JNO J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, Pa., September 25th, 1896.

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,

LANCASTER, Pa., Sept. 28th, 1896.

C. S. GERHARD.

Secretary's Report, Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board of Foreign Missions would respectfully beg leave to present to your reverend body, its usual annual statement of the condition and prospects of its work in the Empire of Japan. It is happy in being able to say that the favorable aspect of affairs as resulting from the late war with China, in the abatement of the hostile feeling towards foreigners, and the emergence of a more tolerant sentiment in relation to Christianity, has grown more pronounced during the last year. The favorable provisions of the revised treaties, which, however, do not go into effect until 1899, are to a considerable extent discounted, and missionaries are allowed privileges of travel, etc., which a rigid exaction of existing laws would prohibit. The unswerving patriotism of the Christian soldiers, the manifold activities in works of charity and humanity displayed by the missionaries and native Christians, called into illustration by the war, have served as a challenge, and have begotten a spirit of thoughtful consideration among the people, which is securing a less prejudiced estimate of the claims of our holy religion. A change in this respect is discernible among the middle and upper classes, and the preached Gospel is given a wider hearing.

On the other hand, an evil effect of the war and its excitements, was to divert the attention of many professing Christians from their religion, and not a few have turned aside, so that the churches purging their rolls, find their numbers no greater than they were before the war, while the accessions of new converts have not materially abated. The assurance in the case, however, is that the present membership is made up of tried and approved material. The winnowing has consequently resulted in no considerable diminution of numbers.

Our schools are in a healthy and vigorous condition. The number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin has, to a slight degree, felt the effects of the competition of the Government schools which are of a high order. But the number of candidates for the ministry has not decreased, notwithstanding the yearly outgoing of the graduating classes. This last year four have graduated from the Theological Department. The Girls' School continues full, and the number of scholars might be increased had we the means and the room for them.

In consequence of the widening of our field, and the importance of keeping in as close touch to it as possible, in the near future our missionary force will be distributed among four stations. Rev. Dr. Moore has, perhaps by this time, removed to Tokyo, the southern extremity of our field. Rev. S. S. Snyder will locate in the Hokkaido, the extreme northern part. Rev.

It is also proposed to establish a new mission in the western section, where Rev. J. H. [unclear] and [unclear] will remain in Sendai.

The financial report for 1905-6 exhibits the following: organized churches, 14; self-supporting churches, 5; preaching stations, 30; [unclear], 107 members, 1,435; Sunday Schools, 10; Sunday School teachers, 1,010; native ministers, 12; unorganized [unclear], 17; contributions for all purposes, \$2,450.

The establishment of a new mission in some other country than Japan is [unclear] at General Synod at its late meeting, is receiving the attention of the Board. Inquiries are being made and [unclear] [unclear]. When a conclusion has been reached, it will be announced to the Church.

The finances of the Board have during the past year, been in a [unclear] condition. The receipts have been adequate to its needs. For the last six months, however, there has been a falling off in the amount of what the Board most respectfully requests the [unclear] action of your reverend body. The amount appropriated by General Synod is the same per annum as for the last three years. The reason why the establishment of a new mission will require an enlargement of the sum, was the fact that the [unclear] S. S. S. has assumed the entire support of the [unclear] Synod. The amount of receipts reported last year, however, [unclear] what was paid for the Girls' School by the [unclear] Secretary, so that the sum needed for the coming year will [unclear] an [unclear] amount sufficient to establish the new mission, [unclear] the full sum appropriated by the General Synod. This sum is \$25,000 per year, for the next three years. It is of prime importance that that full sum should be paid, and the treasury of the Board would be enabled to establish the new mission.

The Board would, therefore, urgently request your reverend body to assume the full amount assigned you by General Synod, appropriate it to the several Classes, and adopt such action as will ensure its realization.

In order of the Board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MEETING HOUSE, PAU, Sept. 10, 1906.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to present their report:

HOME MISSIONS.

Several papers touching this department of our church work were referred to us. The first of these claiming our attention is the report of the Board of the General Synod.

From this we learn that the work has grown to larger proportion under the Board's management, and that substantial progress has been made, witnessing to faithful and efficient work on the part of the missionaries. Opportunities offer a still wider field for work, which only the lack of means hinders them from improving. They are embarrassed even in furthering that which they have already undertaken. The apportionments have not been fully met, the Synod of the Potomac itself coming short to the extent of about \$3,000.00 for English missions alone.

In view of these facts, be it

Resolved, That, whilst we give thanks to the Great Head of the Church for His manifest favor, to the Board for their efficient management, and to the missionaries for their faithful and self-denying labor in this behalf, we earnestly ask and urge the several Classes and our membership generally, to meet promptly and cheerfully the demands made upon them for this work, and to regard the amount apportioned as the minimum of what is needed and expected of them. The amount asked from this Synod for this year is \$9,700.00.

In their work in behalf of the Hungarians and Bohemians in this country, a like story of success and progress is reported. Six missionaries are at work, and a seventh about to be secured. The outlook is promising, and it needs but the prompt meeting of the apportionment on the part of the Synod and Classes to make the work a gratifying success.

The amount asked for from this Synod is \$840.00.

The Board challenges us with the fact that there is a large and special work to be done among the Germans in our larger cities, a work in which we, as a denomination, should have a larger part. For this work, so promising, a special fund is needed, if wisdom and will of the General Synod is to be respected. The amount asked of this Synod is \$840.00.

The work of Harbor Missions in New York, which continues to be such a help and blessing to immigrants on their arrival in this country, is regarded of such importance that it should not be overlooked in the payment of our apportionments. And yet here also the Classes have failed in making good what reasonably has been asked of them, and the work consequently suffers. Prompt payment of dues, for the year past, as for the present, is earnestly urged.

The amount asked of this Synod for the coming year is \$140.

The Chicago Mission is engaged in erecting a church building. The Synod stands pledged for \$1,000 for this work; the money is past due, and yet there remains an unpaid balance of \$238.60. As the Synod's attention is called to this deficit, and as the contract for the erection of the building calls for its comple-

tion by the latter part of November, necessity demands the payment in full of the amount apportioned, by the first of December next.

Resolved, therefore, That the attention of the delinquent Classes be called to this matter, and they be urged to make payment in full by the above date.

The claims and works of Church extension still press heavily upon the Board, and were met only partially, and that largely with borrowed money. A debt of \$16,000 burdens them. They ask for relief, that they may not be compelled to abandon some of the Missions already organized for work in some of the larger cities. For this work the Board desires and asks that the Synod average at least six cents per member for the ensuing year. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes and membership of the Church, within the bounds of this Synod, be directed to this particular interest, and that they be urged to make earnest effort to secure at least an average of six cents per member for this work.

The Board further suggests and urges the Church at large to raise, during the next five years, a fund of \$100,000 for church-building, the fund to be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund. In furtherance of this project, it is proposed to celebrate, during 1897, the sesqui-centennial of the organization of the Synod of the Reformed Church in this country, in harmony with the following plan and program which we include as part of our reports, suggesting that the same be approved, as follows:

WHEREAS, The General Synod, at its meeting in Dayton, O., voted an appropriation of \$100,000 for the extension work of the Church, the same to be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund; and,

WHEREAS, This matter has been referred to this Board to devise ways and means to establish said Fund; and,

WHEREAS, It is exceedingly important that this work should be inaugurated as quickly as possible, therefore, be it,

Resolved, (1) That the importance of establishing this Fund, at once, be brought before the Synods for immediate favorable action, and that the Synods be requested to commend this worthy object to their congregations, asking that in every way possible, funds be raised for this important work.

Resolved, (2) That the three Superintendents, each in his own territory, make such arrangements, and devise such plans as may seem best, in order to reach all the pastors and the charges, and present to them the claims of this much needed Fund.

Resolved, (3) That the Superintendents be especially directed to seek out persons who are able, and have them endow funds of \$500, or more, or, where it can be done, have a number of persons combine in the endowment of such funds.

Resolved, (4) That, as the need for these funds is very urgent, the Superintendents be directed to push their accumulation with all possible vigor.

The Board, furthermore, recommends the following program for the sesqui-centennial celebration of Michael Schlatter's missionary tours, or such adaptation of it as may be practicable, during 1897—this program to be used in congregational and Classical conventions:

- I. Address of welcome.
- II. History of the Reformed Church and its extension in America.
- III. Life and labors of Michael Schlatter.
- IV. Characteristics of the Germans and their relation to the Reformed Church in the United States.
- V. Local History.
- VI. Pastoral reminiscences.
- VII. The present condition and future prospects of the Reformed Church in this country.
- VIII. The imperative need of a large available Church Building Fund, with which to aid in securing proper locations in our large and growing cities.

The last subject should be followed by a challenge for Church Building Funds, or generous contributions for the object.

Official action of the Board of Missions at its meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 7th, 1896.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we endorse this movement of the General Synod. That the Classes and congregations of the Synod be requested to join heartily in the proper observation of this event during the year 1897, and make earnest effort in behalf of this Memorial fund.

The report from the Bi-Synodic Board speaks to us encouragingly. The work of the Board has been successfully prosecuted. They call special attention to an action of the General Synod in which the statement is made that heretofore all Church-building funds raised in the East, with but three exceptions, have gone into the treasury of the Bi-Synodic Board, and directing that hereafter all such fund, unless otherwise designated, go toward the proposed \$100,000 Memorial Church-building Fund.

Resolved, That we endorse this new departure.

The General Synod in its action referred to us, urges the

Synods and Classes to make earnest effort to secure a yearly average of fifty cents a member for Home Missions. As we deem this a thing most desirable, and giving it our approval, your committee recommend that the earnest and careful attention of the several Classes, and our membership generally, be directed to this expressed desire of the General Synod.

The booklet printed by the Board of Home Missions, giving a short history of our Church Extension work, we regard as well worthy a general reading and careful study. To this end we commend it to our membership, in the hope that its influence will bring the rich results in behalf of which it has been prepared and printed.

The "Reformed Church Tidings," a new monthly missionary periodical, published by the joint committee of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions, and Sunday School Work, by order of the General Synod, a copy of which was referred to this committee, received due consideration. We appreciate the difficulties under which the first issue was prepared. In some regards it may be open to criticism, and is subject to improvement. Yet, believing that the improvements in its general make up will be made in the issues following, and that it will meet a felt want, and will be helpful in this work of the Church, we regard it with favor. That it may not fail in its purpose to disseminate missionary intelligence, your committee recommend that our pastors and consistories be urged to make earnest efforts to secure for it the widest possible circulation among the membership of our Church, until a copy is placed in every family, and that the attention of the several Classes be directed to this action, that the desire here expressed may be realized.

The letter of Rev. J. G. Schmid, President of the Portland-Oregon Classis, referred to us, is expressive of the regret they feel because of the action of Synod had one year ago. As the reasons for that action still hold, as we believe, your committee are of the opinion that Synod cannot do otherwise than to allow that action to stand as the answer to this renewed plea of the Portland-Oregon Classis for further help, and we so recommend.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As the report of the Board of Foreign Missions will be incorporated with the printed minutes of this Synod, your committee deem it sufficient to say that the report makes the statement that the conditions now holding in the Empire of Japan are even more favorable than at any time for the prosecution of their work; that our schools are in a "healthy and vigorous condition;" that their work in hand is enlarging, and will in the near future require the division of our missionary forces,

so as to create four centres of influence, instead of one, as now. And further, that they are giving diligent attention to the direction of the General Synod to establish a new mission in Chira or some country other than Japan.

In the matter of finances they report that the receipts have been adequate to their needs so far, but that if this same healthy condition is to continue, there dare be no falling off. The amount required, and apportioned by General Synod, is the same per annum as for the last three years, and it is of first importance that the full sum be promptly paid into the treasury.

Your committee recommend that we hereby express our appreciation of the goodness and blessing which the Lord, our God, has showed toward us in the prosecution of our foreign missionary work, as also for the faithful and efficient service rendered the Church in this work by the Board and our devoted missionaries in the field. That we regard with favor the Board's management of the work committed to it, and that for its further successful prosecution, the sum of \$5,100.00 be apportioned to the several Classes, with the request that they be urged to make determined effort to secure the amount in full.

In the matter of the Kaneko Memorial Fund, your committee suggest that this worthy project be again commended to the favorable consideration, the sympathy and liberal giving of our membership generally, in the hope that some such fund shall be secured.

Lastly, encouraged by the hopeful outlook in the prosecution of our work, both in the home and foreign fields, we again urge upon the Classes and congregations, as far as in them lies, to make good every request of the Synod for their help, and every obligation which they have or may assume in the way of apportionment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE: Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, for four years; Rev. C. A. Santee, for three years; Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller, for two years; and Revs. J. F. Moyer and G. A. Whitmore, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 10th, 1896.

Dr.**Received.**

From Zion's Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	\$59.97	
" " "	Con. Fund Gen. Synod	35.98	
" " "	Calvin College.....	2.18	
" " "	Beneficiary education....	112.11	
" " "	Church Building.....	46 68	
" " "	Theological Seminary....	4.26	\$261.18
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" Maryland Classis for	Contingent Fund....	\$133.00	
" " "	Calvin College.....	71.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary	99.00	
" " "	Hungarian Missions..	92.00	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch..	129.40	
" " "	Church Building	118.00	
" " "	Harbor Missions	12.00	\$654.40
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" Mercersburg Classis for	Contingent Fund..	52.00	
" " "	Theo. Seminary ..	50.00	
" " "	Calvin College	29.00	
" " "	Chicago Miss. Ch..	12.00	\$143.00
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" Virginia Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	\$35.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary..	30.00	
" " "	Calvin College	31.00	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch..	6.00	
" " "	Harbor Missions	14.00	\$116.00
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" Juniata Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	\$77.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary ..	78.00	
" " "	Calvin College	45.00	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch....	13.00	
" " "	Hungarian Missions	76.00	
" " "	Harbor Missions	29.00	\$318.00
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" Gettysburg Classis for	Contingent Fund....	\$81.00	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch	167.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary	73.00	
" " "	Calvin College	46.00	\$367.00
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" Carlisle Classis for	Contingent Fund.....	\$43.96	
" " "	Con. Fund. Gen. Synod	32.00	
" " "	Theological Seminary..	3.55	
" " "	Hungarian Missions ...	31.04	
" " "	Chicago Mission Ch...	57.70	\$168.25
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" North Carolina Classis for	Contingent Fund.....		42.00

" Rev. W. C. Schaffer, D.D., for relief of Catawba College	10.00
From Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., relief of Catawba College	257.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer October 18th, 1895..	<u>2,185.06</u>
	\$4,521.89

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Expenditures.

1895.		
Oct. 23.	By cash paid Rev. W. I. Stewart, traveling expenses	\$1.90
Oct. 24.	By cash paid Great Southern Printing Co., printing tickets	1.25
Nov. 13.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Harbor Missions	200.00
Nov. 13.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses of Synod	25.00
Nov. 14.	By cash paid Rev. R. L. Gerhard, expense attending meeting of Sunday School Board, in May, 1894	10.75
Nov. 14.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	52.65
1896.		
Jan. 6.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatruck for interest on Stoudenour legacy	12.00
Jan. 6.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatruck, expenses on Minutes of Synod.....	13.00
Jan. 9.	By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for endowment of Catawba College, for Maryland Classis.....	\$249.34
	" " Mercersburg Classis	104.00
	" " Zion's Classis	28.57
		<u>381.91</u>
Jan. 9.	By cash paid Hanover S. F. Society for bank box rent	5.00
Jan. 24.	By cash paid Reformed Church Publication House for publishing Minutes of Synod.....	187.00
Jan. 25.	By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for relief of Catawba College.....	207.00
Jan. 25.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	15.00
Mar. 3.	By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, relief of Catawba College	50.00
Apr. 21.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechbill legacy.....	12.00
May 14.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatruck, salary as stated clerk	100.00
May 14.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission church.....	264.40
May 16.	By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, expense to meeting Board of Visitors.....	6.55
May 19.	By cash paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, expense to meeting Board of Visitors.....	3.20
May 19.	By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expense to meeting Board of Visitors.....	3.00
May 19.	By cash paid Rev. J. O. Miller, expense to meeting Board of Visitors.....	2.00

May 29.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	105.04
July 20.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Church Building	158.35
July 20.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission church.....	95.70
July 20.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	76.00
July 20.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Harbor Missions	29.00
July 21.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	122.80
July 21.	By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil for relief of Cawaba College	10.00
July 21.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, teacher of elocution at Seminary.....	75.00
July 21.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for current expenses at Seminary.....	91.81
July 21.	By cash paid F. M. Hobson, Treasurer, for beneficiary education at Ursinus.....	20.00
Sept. 1.	By cash paid Rev. J. A. Hoffheims, Treasurer, amount contributed by Virginia Classis for Cawaba College, refunded	75.00
Sept. 3.	By cash paid Edgar Slagle, salary as Treasurer....	100.00
Sept. 21.	By cash paid F. M. Hobson, Treasurer, for beneficiary education at Ursinus.....	49.49
Sept. 29.	By cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, for beneficiary education	25.00
Oct. 5.	By cash paid Rev. J. David Miller, traveling expenses of Board of Education, 1895-96.....	13.25
Oct. 6.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	86.00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Hungarian Missions	18.00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Chicago Mission church.....	25.00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Harbor Missions	26.00
Oct. 6.	By cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for Church Building	6.33
Oct. 7.	By cash paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological Seminary, current expense.....	171.00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1,589.51

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer.*

October 10th, 1896.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday morning, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance respectfully submits the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's report and have found it correct.

The several amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows: Foreign Missions, \$5,100.00; Home Missions, \$9,700.00; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$840.00; Harbor Missions, \$140.00; Work among the Germans, \$840.00; Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$700.00; Beneficiary Education, \$4,200.00; Calvin College, \$300.00; Theological Seminary, \$400.00; Catawba College, \$1,000.00; Contingent Fund of Synod, \$400.00; and Church-building, six cents per member.

These several amounts your committee has apportioned as follows, to wit:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$2,550.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$1,500.00; Juniata Classis, \$1,500.00; Zion's Classis, \$1,300.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$1,000.00; Carlisle Classis, \$675.00; Virginia Classis, \$675.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$500.00. Making \$9,700.00.

Foreign Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$1,385.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$780.00; Juniata Classis, \$765.00; Zion's Classis, \$650.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$500.00; North Carolina Classis, \$400.00; Carlisle Classis, \$370.00; and Virginia Classis, \$350.00. Total, \$5,100.00.

Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$210.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$125.00; Juniata Classis, \$125.00; Zion's Classis, \$100.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$100.00; North Carolina Classis, \$60.00; Carlisle Classis, \$60.00; and Virginia Classis, \$60.00. Total, \$840.00.

Work among the Germans.—Maryland Classis, \$250.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$140.00; Juniata Classis, \$140.00; Zion's Classis, \$130.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$90.00; Carlisle Classis, \$50.00; Virginia Classis, \$40.00. Total, \$840.00.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$976.00; Juniata Classis, \$725.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$600.00; Zion's Classis, \$499.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$450.00; Carlisle Classis, \$350.00; Virginia Classis, \$300.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$300.00. Total, \$4,200.00.

Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis, \$115.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$69.00; Juniata Classis, \$68.00; Zion's Classis, \$59.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$45.00; Carlisle Classis, \$24.00; and Virginia Classis, \$20.00. Total, \$400.00.

Calvin College.—Maryland Classis, \$74.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$46.00; Juniata Classis, \$45.00; Zion's Classis, \$38.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$29.00; North Carolina Classis, \$25.00; Carlisle Classis, \$22.00; and Virginia Classis, \$21.00. Total, \$300.00.

Catawba College.—Maryland Classis, \$275.00; Gettysburg

Classis, \$170.00; Juniata Classis, \$173.00; Zion's Classis, \$140.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$100.00; North Carolina Classis, \$98.00; Virginia Classis, \$76.00; and Carlisle Classis, 68.00. Total, \$1,100.00.

Harbor Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$40.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$25.00; Juniata Classis, \$25.00; Zion's Classis, \$20.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$20.00; Carlisle Classis, \$10.00; and Virginia Classis, \$10.00. Total, \$150.00.

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Maryland Classis, \$133.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$80.00; Juniata Classis, \$78.00; Zion's Classis, \$70.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$52.00; North Carolina Classis, \$42.00; Carlisle Classis, \$36.00; and Virginia Classis, \$35.00. Total, \$526.00.

Contingent Fund of General Synod, (one-half apportioned).—Maryland Classis, \$92.00; Juniata Classis, \$57.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$56.00; Zion's Classis, \$46.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$34.00; North Carolina Classis, \$25.00; Virginia Classis, \$20.00; and Carlisle Classis, \$20.00. Total, \$350.00.

Church-building.—Six cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HELLER, *Chairman*.

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$72.73; and Zion's Classis, \$10.03. Total, \$82.76.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Carlisle Classis, \$12.29.

Chicago Mission Church.—Zion's Classis, \$138.00; and Maryland Classis, \$100.60. Total, \$238.60.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees begs leave to present the following report:

The Board met at Hanover, Pa., September 11th, 1896. Members present were Elders Henry M. Schmuck, Edgar Slagle, Jacob N. Slagle, and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier. Elder J. N. Slagle was elected President, and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Vice-President and Secretary. No business of importance claimed the attention of the Trustees. Indeed, there seems to be nothing for them to do, but to meet, elect officers and adjourn.

The report of the Treasurer, Edgar Slagle, will show the

receipts and expenditures of the Synod, during the year. It is proper to say to the Synod that the Treasurer declines to be re-elected.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board.

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*.

October 15, 1896.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder George N. Forney was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years from January 1st, 1897.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder George N. Forney, five years; Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, four years; Rev. F. F. Bahner, three years; Elder Edgar Slagle, two years; and Elder Jacob N. Slagle, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday Schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

Report of the Sunday School Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully present the following report:

There have been placed in our hands the reports of the Sunday School Board of this Synod and of the General Synod's Sunday School Board. From them we gather much that is encouraging concerning our past labors and giving promise of future success. During the past year there was a gratifying increase in the number of schools and scholars, and a greater efficiency in methods of work was attained.

The General Synod's Sunday School Board, having secured control of the Sunday School publications, will, beginning January 1st, 1897, issue for the main department "Leaves of Light," as a weekly, with a monthly and a semi-monthly edi-

tion; for the Primary Department "Sunshine" will be issued weekly, together with beautifully colored and finely executed picture-cards, to be known as "Heidelberg Lesson Pictures;" for the entire school the "Heidelberg Picture Roll" will be provided, while for the teachers the "The Heidelberg Teacher" will be issued as a monthly, instead of a quarterly, as heretofore.

Further, the same Board has decided to sacredly use all Children's Day offerings for Sunday School mission work and for the extension of Reformed Sunday Schools, the Department of Publication bearing all expenses of administration.

In view of these facts, your committee recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac urge the Classes to request the churches within their bounds to use in their schools the lesson helps and papers prepared and published by and for the Church, and to pay special attention to the teaching and training of little children in the school in connection with the work in the home and in the catechetical class; and also to make earnest efforts to increase the offerings of the schools on Children's Day to Sunday School missions.

Further, that, since the establishment of the General Synod's Sunday School Board, which deals directly with the Synod and the Classes, there is apparently no reason for the continuance of your Board, your committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the Sunday School Board of this Synod be hereby dissolved.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Synod be authorized to pay the President of the Board two dollars and twenty-seven cents, (\$2.27) the amount due him at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. MACALISTER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 16 of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he had twenty-five hundred copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twenty-second Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication House of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$187.00. The bill was paid promptly by the Treasurer of Synod. The Minutes were ready for distribution, and were distributed in December.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1896.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

BRETHREN:—The changes which have occurred during the past year in connection with your publication interests are more or less familiar to you all, and whilst they present issues of a new and complicated nature, demanding careful and intelligent action, they nevertheless resulted finally in what is believed to be a satisfactory solution, through the purchase and possession by your Board of all the rights and interests previously owned or ceded by contract to the late Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D.

On February 25th, 1896, the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., lessee and publisher, died. At his death the business was in such condition that no one in his employ could intelligently and successfully conduct it. With this knowledge, the Board met in extra session on March 19th, 1896, to consider the situation and adopt measures, if necessary, for the uninterrupted issue of the various periodicals. It was found that the widow of the lessee had temporarily provided for the situation by securing the services of Rev. C. J. Musser, of Norristown, who had, at a great personal inconvenience and self-sacrifice, consented to assist her in the capacity of editor and publisher, pending the final action of the Board of Publication. At this meeting the widow stated that the estate of the late Dr. Fisher was without funds or immediate resources to prosecute the work, and she therefore asked the Board to advance the sum of \$2,500, in such installments as might be needed, giving therefor her notes with interest, and as additional security, the income which would be received by the publishing house. She also asked for three months' time in which to re-organize or dispose of her husband's interest in the concern. After carefully investigating the condition of the estate and other

factors bearing upon the situation, and desiring also to assist the widow in her distress, the Board unanimously assented to the proposition, under a written contract for three months, providing therein that any arrangement entered into by her for sale or transfer should be subject to the approval of the Board. By virtue of this agreement, funds were advanced and subsequently repaid with interest, as will appear in the report of the Treasurer.

On June 19th, 1896, the Board, at the request of Mrs. Fisher, was again called in extra session, at which the statement was made that it had been found impossible to make any satisfactory disposition of the business; and that for the purpose of facilitating the settling of the estate, Mrs. Fisher had, by order of the Orphans' Court, obtained permission to sell and bid in the interests, rights and merchandise in and of the Publication House. By virtue of this order, she had become the owner of all said interests and now petitioned your Board to execute to her a new lease of a term of years, and to recognize her, together with such parties she might elect to associate with her, as the lessee and publisher, under terms similar to those previously made with the late Dr. Fisher. This proposition was unanimously declined. Subsequently your Board opened negotiations with Mrs. Fisher for the purchase of all the rights and interests acquired by her through purchase; and, finally bought these for the sum of \$2,500, inclusive of the Almanac, which was the exclusive property of the late Dr. Fisher. By this purchase, namely, \$500 for the books, sheets and other merchandise; \$1,000 for the Almanac; \$800 for the unexpired lease, and \$200 for furniture and fixtures, the Board became the absolute owner of the entire publication interests, and will henceforth issue all publications, except the Sunday School literature, for its own account.

Soon after the purchase, the Board negotiated and concluded a contract with the Sunday School Board, whereby the Sunday School literature was transferred to that Board, under the following agreement: We, the undersigned, in behalf of the Sunday School Board, hereby agree to pay five per cent. annually on \$15,000, in semi-annual payments, on condition that the Board of Publication of the Reformed Church transfers all its Sunday School publications to the Sunday School Board of the General Synod, according to the action of the General Synod; and further, the Sunday School Board agrees to pay one-half of the expenses for room rent, business manager and such other expenses as are jointly incurred.

(Signed)

CONRAD CLEVER,
RUFUS W. MILLER,
CALVIN S. GERHARD.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19th, 1896.

To provide for the conduct of its business, the Board temporarily rented the back building of No. 907 Arch street, at the monthly rental of \$95, and elected Rev. C. J. Musser as temporary editor-in-chief, and Rev. C. R. Ferner as business manager. Later, the Board removed to the first and second floors front, of building No. 1025 Arch street, negotiating a lease for 21½ months, at \$70 per month.

The Board, at its regular annual meeting, held September 16th, elected Rev. C. J. Musser permanent editor-in-chief, at the yearly salary of \$1,800, and fixed the salary of the business manager at \$1,300 per annum, beginning with October 1st, 1896, and provided for the manner of conducting the publications under the following resolutions and instructions:

"WHEREAS, This Board is of the opinion that each of its publications should present an harmonious whole, and that the expenses for editing the same may be done at the least possible cost,

"*Resolved*, That the editorial management of the *Messenger* be entirely under the control of one man, the editor-in-chief, and he be authorized and empowered to engage such editorial assistance as he deems necessary to the purpose herein expressed."

A resolution was also adopted, instructing the business manager to conduct a cash business in the Book Department, and to fill no orders for less than \$1, unless the cash accompanies such orders. The reasons for this become so manifest, on reflection, that no reasonable objection can be urged against the plan. Experience shows that the numerous entries in the books and the postage expended in sending bills for these small accounts, consume in many instances the whole bill, thus entailing an actual loss, which in the course of a year amounts to a large sum. The Book Department is retained and conducted more as a convenience for the Church than as a source of profit, and must, therefore, be conducted on business methods to make it self-sustaining.

The Board also decided to continue the publication of the *Quarterly Review* during 1897, and fixed the subscription price at \$2.00 per annum instead of \$3.00, as heretofore. The Rev. William Rupp, D.D., was elected editor of the publication.

You will note in the Treasurer's report that the estate of Dr. Fisher is indebted to the Board in the sum of \$1,850. for guarantee under the lease. In addition to this the Board will have a claim for \$4,541.85 (approximately) on account of advanced subscriptions collected by the estate on the various periodicals. The Board resolved to employ Mr. Joseph A. Reed, attorney, to represent it in the collection of these claims. These claims

are necessarily tied up until the executrix is prepared to make distribution. Whether all, or only part, will be realized, depends upon her ability to collect outstanding accounts and to dispose favorably of the other assets of the late lessee.

In this connection we again most earnestly urge the membership of the Church, who are indebted to the estate of the Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., to speedily pay their back obligations, so that the estate may be settled without delay, and the widow and creditors alike secure that to which they are justly entitled.

The Board has endeavored to give to the Synods a synopsis of the important facts which have occurred during the year in connection with the publication interests, and it believes that the plans already adopted and those in contemplation, in the near future will result in placing this interest on an intelligent and satisfactory business basis. To accomplish this most effectually, your aid, sympathy and earnest support are most essential, and in the confidence that these will be cheerfully accorded, this report is submitted for your respectful consideration.

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29, 1896.

Treasurer's Report of the Reformed Church Publication Board.

1895.	Sept.	1.	Investments (as per report).....	\$9,725.00	
			Cash on hand.....	996.81	\$10,721.81

CASH RECEIPTS SEPT. 1, 1895, TO SEPT. 15, 1896.

1895.	Sept.	5.	Six months' interest Geo. Reber note	\$45.00	
	Sept.	5.	" " " Silk Mill Bonds	55.00	
	Oct.	7.	" " " Lydia Fisher mtg	24.75	
	Nov.	7.	" " " Mack mortgage	44.00	
	Nov.	7.	" " " Deeter mortgage	25.00	
1896.	Mar.	1.	" " " Silk Mill Bonds	55.00	
	Mar.	2.	" " " Geo. Reber note	45.00	
	Mar.	2.	" " " Car Trust bonds	15.00	
	Apr.	1.	" " " Deeter mortgage	25.00	
	Apr.	8.	Interest Mack mortgage.....	41.10	
	Apr.	11.	Six months' interest Fisher mortgage	21.75	
	May	12.	One year's interest Blosser judgment	12.00	
	July	14.	Interest Margaret Hay Fisher.....	20.50	
	July	14.	Interest C. M. Boush, Treasurer, two mortgages	50.00	
	Sept.	1.	Six months' interest Silk Mill bonds	55.00	
			Interest Geo. Reber Note.....	30.00	
				\$564.10	
			Bonus Mrs. Fisher's lease.....	\$300.00	\$864.10
					\$11,585.91

Expenses paid members of Board.....	\$146.30	
Paid Mrs. Margaret Hay Fisher.....	2,500.00	
Paid Rev. C. R. Ferner, manager.....	1,000.00	
Paid investments	7,875.00	
Balance cash on hand.....	64.61	\$11,585.91

INVESTMENTS.

Blosser judgment (J. W. Wetzel, Carlisle)....	\$200.00
Reading Silk Mill bonds, first mortgage.....	2,000.00
Lydia Fisher, first mortgage.....	725.00
Isaac L. Deeter, first mortgage.....	1,000.00
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, Massillon, Ohio, mortgage.....	1,000.00
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, Youngstown, Ohio, mortgage.....	1,000.00
St. John's Reformed Ch., Reading, Pa.....	1,000.00
Note Rev. C. G. Fisher.....	800.00
Note Rev. C. G. Fisher.....	150.00
	\$7,875.00
Due the Board Rev. C. G. Fisher's lease.....	\$900.00

JAMES T. REBER, *Treasurer.*

READING, Sept. 15, 1896.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Publication would respectfully present the following report:

The following papers were referred to us, viz: The Report of the Publication Board, a communication from the Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College, with reference to the "Reformed Quarterly Review," and the action of Pittsburgh Synod with reference to our publication interests.

From the report of the Publication Board we learn that the sudden death, on Feb. 25th, 1896, of Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., lessee of the Publication Board of our Church, brought the publication interests of our Synod to a crisis, which had to be met by prompt and judicious action. After providing temporarily for the conducting of the business, the Board subsequently purchased all the rights and interests which had been ceded by the three Synods to the late Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., and which had been acquired by his widow through an order from the Orphans' Court. The amount paid by the Board for these rights and interests was \$2,500. Through this purchase the Board became the absolute owners of the entire

publication interests. Subsequently the Board negotiated and concluded a contract with the Sunday School Board of General Synod whereby the Sunday School literature was transferred to the Sunday School Board in consideration of the payment annually by the Sunday School Board to the Publication Board of five per cent. on \$15,000, and also of the payment of one-half of all expenses that may be jointly incurred.

The estate of the late Dr. Fisher is indebted to the Board to the amount of about \$6,370. Whether all or only part of this amount will be realized will largely depend upon the ability of the executrix to collect the outstanding accounts against the members of our Church. The Board elected Rev. C. J. Musser editor-in-chief of the "Messenger," and Rev. C. R. Ferner business manager. With a view of increasing the circulation of the "Reformed Quarterly Review," the price has been reduced to \$2.00. Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., has been elected editor.

Impressed with the necessity of placing the business of the Board on a better financial basis, it has been decided to conduct a cash business in the book department.

In view of the above facts, your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac, mindful of the past services and the great usefulness to the Church of the late Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, D.D., in his management of the publication interests, learned with deep sorrow of his sudden death, and that we extend to his widow our heartfelt sympathy in her bereavement.

Resolved, That we approve of the purchase of the publication interests and the subsequent action of the Board looking toward the conducting of its business in an economical and successful manner.

Resolved, That the introduction of the cash system in the book department meets with our hearty approval and that we urge upon the Board the adoption of this system as rapidly as possible in all its departments.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the indebtedness of the members of our Church to the estate of the late Dr. Fisher, and that we urge upon all delinquents within the bounds of this Synod their duty to make immediate payment of their debts.

Resolved, That the selection of Rev. C. J. Musser as editor of the "Messenger" and the unification of the editorial work of the "Messenger" is approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That the election of Rev. Wm. Rupp, D.D., as editor of the "Quarterly Review" be heartily approved, and that with the view of increasing the circulation and placing this valuable publication upon a better financial basis, it is com-

mended as worthy of the hearty support of our ministers and laymen.

Resolved, That, as the Church, through its Board, has again taken in charge her publication interests we urge upon all her members renewed loyalty to these interests and that we redouble our efforts to increase the circulation of the "Messenger" and make the work upon which we have entered, contribute to the upbuilding and strengthening of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN S. SLAGLE, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder S. Hoeflich, for three years; and Elders G. S. Griffith, for two years.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Thursday afternoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock of Saturday morning's session. At the time designated the election was held, Revs. C. E. Creitz, G. G. Everhart, and Elders J. S. Dehoof and J. N. Slagle acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, and Publication.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

Two communications, one from Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., and one from St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa., were referred to your committee. Also the printed 33d annual report of the Bethany Orphans' Home. From these several papers and reports we learn that both of these Homes are enjoying the blessings of divine favor and the sympathy and support of the people of our Church. While the affairs of these Homes are carefully and judiciously administered, the attention of the Synod is called to the increased needs and peculiar wants of these Homes. There are at present 113 children in Bethany Home, with six more admitted, who are expected to enter in the near future. Sixteen of these children come from the Synod of the Potomac, all of them being Church orphans and entirely dependent upon the Church for support. In St. Paul's Home 100 children have been cared for during the past year. Two schools have been maintained for their intellectual improvement during 10 months of the year. While a number of children from the Potomac Synod have been cared for in this Home, the contributions from the congregations of the Synod have scarcely met one-third of the expense in caring for these children. In this connection grateful mention must be made of the generous gift of Mrs. H. M. Housekeeper, of Philadelphia, to Bethany Home. A beautiful and substantial cottage has been erected by Mrs. Housekeeper, at a cost of \$6,000, known as the Frick Memorial Cottage, in which children under six years of age are to be admitted and cared for; the rooms of which will be furnished by individuals and societies. It is expected that the means for the support of these little ones will come from the Church. In view of these facts, we offer the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That we commend these Orphan Homes to the sympathy, prayers and generous support of our Classes, pastors and people.

Resolved, That we call the attention of our Classes, pastors and people to the fact that the orphans from the bounds of our Synod are nearly equally divided between St. Paul's and Bethany Orphan Homes and that both should receive a liberal share of our offerings.

Resolved, That we urgently request our Classes, pastors and congregations to increase their contributions to these two Homes, so that the offerings given to each Home may at least be sufficient to support the orphans in these Homes, sent from the bounds of this Synod; and wherever possible, increased contributions be made.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. DITTMAR, *Chairman.*

Revs. C. R. Dieffenbach, in behalf of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, in behalf of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, needs and claims of those Homes respectively.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: I herewith transmit to your venerable body the enclosed statement of the financial operations of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," for the year closing September 30th, 1896.

Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the Synod, as follows:

Maryland Classis	\$210.01
Juniata Classis	80.00
Zion's Classis	77.41
Virginia Classis	65.00
Mercersburg Classis	57.54
Gettysburg Classis	37.04
Carlisle Classis	30.62
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	\$557.62

Paid to 12 Annuitants \$750.00. That is \$192.38 more than received from the different Classes. In view of this we ask for greater liberality in the coming year. With the prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberation, I am,

Yours fraternally, in Christ Jesus,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

Mt. Pleasant, Md., September, 30th, 1896.

"The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," through its officers, presents for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year closing Sept. 30th, 1896:

RECEIPTS.

To amt. in Treasury as per last report.....	\$3,376.63
" " from interest on investments.....	2,721.08
" " " matured loans	1,900.00
" " " collections in the churches....	1,756.09
" " " royalty on church hymnal....	990.75
" " " miscellaneous sources	396.64
" " " Pittsburgh Synod, special.....	325.00

To am't from	Daniel Stine Memorial Home..	166.42
" " "	bequest from J. B. Fisher, esq..	95.00
Total.....		\$11,727.61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for investments.....	\$4,600.00
Paid to Annuitants.....	2,574.58
Paid for expenses.....	168.72
Amt. in Treasury Sept. 30, 1896.....	4,384.31
Total.....	\$11,727.61
Invested Fund	\$35,250.00

The following persons have become members of the Society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. H. J. Ruetenik, D.D., L. W. Showers, Wm. Renter, John F. Moyer, John H. Stepler, D.D., O. P. Schellhamer, Geo. B. Russell, D.D., Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., Dennis B. Shuey, Eusebins H. Dieffenbacher, John T. Balliet, John Wolbach, John Schmalz, Atvill Conner, Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder, Wm. C. Sykes, John Dotterer, Calvin E. Bartholomew, Henry K. Binkley, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Christian W. Summey, Chas. R. Ferner, Michael Loucks, D.D., Edward Herbruck, D.D., Joseph Sechler and Wm. H. Groh.

Annual Members.—Revs. Philip Steinhage, Jacob D. Bühner and Ludwig W. Zenke.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.
 REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Middletown, Md.
 REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

The following action was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

The special committee, to whom item 8 of the Report on Overtures was referred, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your special committee, to whom was referred item 8 of the Report on Overtures, begs leave to report the following, namely:

WHEREAS, It is with grateful joy that this Synod has learned of the establishment of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home for aged ministers, their wives, and the widows of ministers, located at Myerstown, Pa., through the noble and benevolent generosity of Mrs. Linda S. Kaub, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and,

WHEREAS, The maintenance of these servants of the Lord, after years of self-denying labors, is a cause that appeals to the earnest sympathy and the substantial support of the whole Church; and,

WHEREAS, There are no funds immediately available for the support of the aforesaid Home; therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod most earnestly requests all its pastors to bring the claims of this most worthy institution to the attention of their respective congregations, and that a collection be lifted for the aid of the same, on or before the first Sunday of January, 1897, said collection to be forwarded to the Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, Mt. Pleasant, Frederick county, Md.

Resolved, further, That the Corresponding Secretary of Synod be authorized to send a transcript of this action to every pastor of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. ROSSITER, *Chairman*.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the pastor of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

Wichita University.

Items 2, 3, 4, and 5, of the Report on Overtures, were referred for consideration to a special committee, composed of Revs. G. B. Russell, J. O. Miller, and Elder W. S. Kefauver. The committee subsequently submitted its report, which was received, amended, and adopted as follows, to wit:

Your special committee, to whom was referred the matter relating to the overdue mortgage resting on the Wichita University, begs leave to report.

The committee have examined the papers relating to the subject matter, aided also by the light of the parole statements made before Synod. It is not necessary to state in detail the

whole sad case. It is one of peculiar embarrassment, and is difficult of satisfactory adjustment. The calamities that have befallen that young and once promising institution of learning have culminated in utter financial disaster. It is not necessary either, to trace to their source, or put upon record the mistaken mismanagement attending the administration of that bungled business trust.

All prospects of immediate resuscitation of the institution in the near future seem gone. What is left us is, therefore, only to gather up the remaining fragments of the deplorable wreck. The facts with which we are to deal are these:

The Board of Trustees are overtured by Geo. F. Baer, Esq., for the underwriters or guarantors of the mortgage bond, to turn over the net remainder of the so-called \$15,00 endowment fund raised by the three English Synods of the East, (which balance, \$9,722.63) as consideration in payment, in full, to them of all claim and legal or moral demands whatsoever as against the said Wichita University, and its Board of Trustees, for the \$10,000 mortgage bond overdue, with interest defaulted since 1890, for which they became the guarantors for the University authorities.

This would leave the realty of the corporation whole and intact and entirely unencumbered by any debt or claim. In case this proposition be not accepted, the guarantors threaten foreclosure, and should the sale of the property not yield a sufficient amount they will also attach the remainder of the endowment fund. And, even, should a legal contest be decided in favor of the Trustees in behalf of that fund, the costs might eat up the whole of the balance of the already greatly reduced amount of the endowment fund. So, both the realty and the moiety of the vested fund are in jeopardy, and may be lost.

As a matter of prudent business policy, it is doubtless best for the Synod to consent to the formal proposition of the guarantors.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Potomac Synod, as far as it has lawful power over that fund and interests therein, hereby gives the Trustees of Wichita University authority to accept the guarantors' offer, and close finally on the above recited conditions in sum, as per resolution of said Board, Sept. 21, 1896, and submitted to this Synod in the papers referred to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *Chairman*.

The committee, under item 18 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Report of 150th Anniversary Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your committee, appointed a year ago, to report a suitable program for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the work of the Rev. Michael Schlatter in the organization of Reformed congregations within the territory now comprised in this Synod, respectfully submit the following for your consideration:

I. We recommend that, if possible, the next meeting of the Synod be held in some church which was visited by Rev. Michael Schlatter during the year 1747, A. D.; and that the services of one evening of its sessions be devoted to the commemoration of the life and labors of Rev. Michael Schlatter, said services to be presided over by the President of Synod. We suggest three addresses of 20 minutes each on the following topics.

1. Michael Schlatter, the Father of the Reformed Church in the United States. By Rev. Cyrus Cort, D.D.

2. "The Reformed Church in Schlatter's day." By Elder Gen. J. E. Roller.

3. "The Organization of the First Synod, and What has come of it." By Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D.

II. We recommend that Classes and congregations, as far as practicable, hold local celebrations in all places where it is known that Rev. Michael Schlatter preached and where we now have congregations.

III. As the occasion will be auspicious for the dissemination of information as to the origin and history of the Reformed Church in this country, we further recommend that all pastors within the bounds of the Synod be requested to preach a historical sermon, commemorative of the life and labors of Rev. Michael Schlatter, in each of their congregations. We suggest the month of May, 1897, as a suitable time for such sermons, and for the local celebrations, mentioned before, as that seems to have been the time in the year 1747, when Mr. Schlatter began his pioneer work within the territory now included in this Synod.

IV. The celebration of such an event ought to awaken within us feelings of devout gratitude to God for the blessings which He has bestowed upon us through the instrumentality of this, His servant; and, as nothing could more worthily perpetuate his memory than the sacred cause of Home Missions, we recommend that this Synod join heartily in the raising of the \$100,000 Church-building fund, which General Synod has

asked of the Church, and which it has called The Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman.*

Items 16, 17, and 21 of the Report on Overtures were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, G. Weber, and Elder A. Heberlig, which subsequently reported, their report being amended and adopted, as follows:

To the Reverend Synod:

Your committee, to whom were referred items 16, 17, and 21 of Report on Overtures, begs leave to report, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions, namely:

Resolved, That, whilst we as a Synod, fully recognize the evils of intemperance, and heartily sympathize with every movement looking to the suppression of the liquor traffic, we do not deem it proper as a Synod to elect delegates to attend the National Anti-Saloon Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., on December 8-10, 1896.

Resolved, That this Synod, recognizing the great importance of a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures among the people of this country, heartily commends the work of the American Bible Society to the favorable consideration of our several Classes, as well as pastors and people.

Resolved, That this Synod, heartily sympathizing with the temperance movement, grants the request of the W. C. T. U. of Pittsburgh, and hereby names the 4th Sunday in November as Temperance Day, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this action to all our pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY, *Chairman.*

The committee under item 19 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, appointed a year ago, reported progress, and was continued.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, having failed to perform its duty, the Synod directed the Stated Clerk to prepare the requisite report, which accordingly is here given:

The lives of all the pastors of the Synod have been graciously prolonged, during the year. Only one death in the Synodic roll of the ministers has taken place since the last

meeting of the Synod, and the one called hence has not been engaged in the active work of the ministry since 1888.

REV. MILTON H. GROH.

Mr. Groh was born at Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pa., December 19, 1853. Baptized in infancy, he was confirmed, and became a communicant member of the Reformed church at Myerstown, some fourteen or fifteen years later. In 1869, some time after his confirmation, he felt it his duty to prepare to preach the Gospel, and entered upon a course of study, standing connected with Palatinate College from 1869 to the autumn of 1872, when he entered the Junior class of Ursinus College, from which he graduated in June, 1874. He then entered the theological department of said institution, and graduated from it two years later, in 1876. He was licensed June 8, 1876, by the Lebanon Classis. January 14, 1877, he accepted a call from the church at Wooster, Ohio, and was ordained to the ministry, March 27, 1877, by a committee of the Tuscarawas Classis. His pastorate at Wooster continued only one year. He next became the pastor of the Manchester charge, in Summit county, Ohio, January 1, 1878. He assumed the pastorate of the New Lisbon charge in Columbiana county, Ohio, April 4, 1880, where he labored about four years. In April, 1884, he accepted a call to the Landisburg charge, in Perry county, Pa., which he resigned four years later, and withdrew from the active work of the ministry, his health having become impaired.

He spent the remainder of his life in Colorado, New Mexico, and Ohio, still retaining his membership in the Carlisle Classis. The later years of his life were spent in and around Columbus, Ohio, where he departed this life, on Sunday, January 12, 1896, aged 42 years and 23 days. Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Nov. 1, 1896.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the pastors, consistories and members of Trinity and Christ Reformed churches of Altoona, Pa., and other citizens for their generous hospitality extended to us during our present sojourn among them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned by the Stated Clerk to the management of the P. R. R. and the C. V.

R. R. for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday morning's session was read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Synod adjourned without selecting the place and fixing the time for the next annual meeting, referring that matter to the officers of the Synod. By a subsequent unanimous vote of the consistory of the First Reformed church of Hagerstown, Md., inviting the Synod to hold its next annual sessions in their church, that place was accordingly chosen, and Tuesday evening, October 12th, A. D., 1897, at 7.30 o'clock, was fixed for holding the next annual meeting of the Synod.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday forenoon, October 19th, at 11 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

CONRAD CLEVER, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS. CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfrmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Dismissed.	Deaths.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Miss.	Contributions.		Post-Office Address.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Cert. of Re.						Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational.	
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.	Trinity 1st Ref'd, York.	1	390	115	25	6	31	6	340	10	10	2	460	\$ 875	\$ 2400	113 S. Duke St., York, Pa.
Aaron Spangler.	Trinity.	7	585	298	48	1	19	10	423		13	11	61	123	886	177 W. Market St., York, Pa.
Reuben P. Schrammer.	Paradise.	4	1071	630	90	11	74	16	920	7	34	12	93	537	2455	413 W. Phila. St., York, Pa.
Aaron H. Leisner.	Without charge.													537		Host, Berks Co., Pa.
Morgan A. Peters.	Zion's Reformed, York.	1	438	280	28		22	38	307	9	40	1	39	220	1980	411 W. Phila. St., York, Pa.
Francis C. Yost.	Heidelberg, York.	1	420	185	22	4	15	29	300	1	12	2	42	458	2550	18 S. Queen St., York, Pa.
Gideon P. Fisher.	Kreutz Creek.	3	374	250	34	5	20	16	285	1	12	4	70	352	1993	Hellam, York Co., Pa.
Gerny Weber.	Glen Rock.	3	406	191	11	1	49	32	377	15	9	1	21	460	3500	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.
Hiram J. Hillegas.	Shrewsbury	4	400	260	28		20	14	351	5	12	4	22	135	2000	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.
Charles P. Kebl.	St. John's	2	253	59	3		3		69		1	2	41	40	455	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
William U. Heffrich.	Dillsburg	2	124	11	8		3		104		9	1	28	20	154	Millsburg, York Co., Pa.
Th. M. John Klein.	Grace Reformed, York.	2	124	12	13		5	114	63		1	1	28	32	1355	N. Haney St., York, Pa.
Chas. P. Rehn.	Mt. Pleasant.	2	46	28				28			1	1	2	10	106	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.
Total B.	12.	33	4615	2575	315	28	253	176	3666	113	43	105	44	\$ 3669	\$ 23396	1

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.		CHARGES.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.																							
				Members.		Unconfirmed.		Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		Officers & Teachers.		Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
				Members.		Unconfirmed.		Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated.		Deaths.		Sunday Schools.		Officers & Teachers.		Students for Ministry.		Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
Jos. W. Santee, D.D.	Without charge.	1	650	380	54	3	31	12	580	16	4	18	1	63	550	\$	166	\$	3025	1628 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.							
Geo. L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge.	2	183	85	11	1	12	6	174	5	1	9	2	100	231		231		2000 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.								
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.	Clearspring	1	135	240	11	1	12	6	224	7	1	13	2	160	477		477		2000 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.								
Wm. Goodrich	St. Paul's Church, Balt.	1	55	200	19	1	20	8	272	7	7	10	1	35	300	530		530	1300 Middleton St., Md.								
J. S. Singer, Rector, D.D.	Middleton St., Md.	1	500	200	10	1	14	8	352	2	8	7	1	45	201	1073		1073	1000 518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., Md.								
Joe. T. Franklin, Hofmeister	Third Church, Balt.	1	34	90	19	1	14	8	352	2	8	7	1	45	201	1073		1073	1000 518 W. Mulberry St., Balt., Md.								
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Utica	3	384	263	36	15	3	235								209		209	Emmitsburg, Md.								
Silas M. Hensch	Without charge.																		Emmitsburg, Md.								
Jacob B. Kerchner	Without charge.																		Emmitsburg, Md.								
Louis F. Zinkhan	Prison chaplain																		Emmitsburg, Md.								
E. Ranson Deatrick	Trinity, Woodberry	1	173	108	11	10	6	9	139	3	12	6	1	22	165	213		213	325 E. Lafayette Ave., Balt.								
Barton R. Carnahan	St. Stephen's	3	240	107	11	10	16	5	184	9	12	6	1	22	165	213		213	325 E. Lafayette Ave., Balt.								
Calvin S. Sarge	Westminster	1	351	175	3	9	26	7	135	5	2	6	3	37	255	137		137	185 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.								
George A. Wheeler	Christ, Hagerstown	1	164	170	22	9	26	7	143	10	12	7	1	35	300	249		249	824 E. Westminster, Md.								
George A. Whitmer	Christ, Baltimore	4	457	454	22	20	25	392	10	12	7	1	35	300	249	165		165	824 E. Westminster, Md.								
A. Thomas G. Apple	Thurmont	1	138	61	8	7	107	1	192	1	12	2	1	15	81	131		131	680 Thurmont, Md.								
Harry F. Dittmar	Grace, Washington	2	208	105	25	7	1	192	1	192	1	4	2	1	15	81	131		131	1408 15th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.							
Charles W. Snyder	Jefferson	3	129	80	5	6	4	101	5	101	5	4	2	2	139	225		225	850 Jefferson, Md.								
George W. Lyman	St. Stephen's, Balt.	1	1	70	41	8	3	3	56	1	10	15	3	35	205	125		125	488 Ironsboro, Md.								
Hiram J. Macalister	Carroll	3	271	95	25	3	14	3	256	1	1	15	3	35	205	125		125	1923 306 E. 23d St., Balt., Md.								
Atwill Conner	Glade	2	194	126	11	3	7	1	148	1	9	8	1	46	160	177		177	1053 Westminster, Md.								
A. M. Stewart	Christ, Baltimore	3	152	135	13	15	7	12	253	3	9	8	1	41	176	161		161	177 Druid Hill Ave., Balt.								
Lloyd E. Coblenz	St. Paul's, Balt.	3	403	231	22	3	15	25	335	8	17	23	3	31	452	640		640	1475 N. Calvert St., Md.								
Samuel M. Roeder	Manchester	3	545	230	15	3	23	5	416	6	3	3	3	31	452	640		640	294 N. Cary St., Md.								
Wm. C. Sykes	Burkittsville	2	162	60	7	3	16	4	124	2	3	3	3	18	125	68		68	791 Burkittsville, Md.								
Alexander Bateman	Taneytown	2	300	150	19	5	9	5	275	2	30	7	1	22	170	156		156	2240 Taneytown, Md.								
K. Otis Spessard	Union Bridge	3	297	118	15	2	10	7	272	5	1	5	25	175	111	111		111	760 Union Bridge, Md.								
Alfred F. Dreibach, Ph.D.	Silver Run	1	520	317	19	12	11	360	1	360	1	3	15	1	21	234	367		367	1232 Silver Run, Md.							
Simon S. Miller	Mt. Pleasant	4	175	120	19	2	11	14	160	6	10	8	2	3	225	178		178	550 Mt. Pleasant, Md.								
Christopher Roos	Foreign Missionary																		Sendal, Japan.								
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger	Grace, Baltimore	1	32	5	3	1	1	8	32	3	1	1	1	8	103	19		19	35 Fennel Ave., Balt., Md.								
George M. Zacharias	Without charge.	1	156	75	6	1	1	8	128	3	1	1	1	10	60	18		18	221 N. Calvert St., Md.								
Cyrus Cort, D.D.	Sabbasville	3	123	86	4	1	10	3	90	5	3	4	2	110		60		60	290 Parkville, Md.								
Lic. Jos. H. Apple	Pres. of Woma. Col.	3	366	73	9	7	20	3	333	6	1	10	3	81	174	245		245	273 Sabillasville, Md.								
Vacant	Cavetown	1	61	30							2	1	2	35		261		261	1236 Cavetown, Md.								
T. F. Hoffmeister, supply	Baltimore	162	9069	4860	480	57	493	249	7007	150	1491	251	189	976	7066	1113	95673	14670	1600 Middleton, Md.								
Total		32																									

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Baptisms.					Additions.	Contributions.					Post Office Address.							
		Members.		Unconfirmed.		Infants.		Confirmed.	Rev. of Prof.	Committed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.		Sunday School.	Officers & Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Students of Min.	Benevolent Purposes.	Conferential Purposes.	
		Members.	Unconfirmed.	Members.	Unconfirmed.															
William M. Deatrick, D.D.	Without charge.	2	425	170	9	4	14	17	359	9	10	9	50	339	\$ 1250 00	\$ 322 46	1608	57	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Jacob Hassler, D.D.	Without charge.	1	297	135	12	2	51	19	33	8	13	4	28	303	248	00	1300	60	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William C. Clemer, D.D.	Without charge.	1	422	156	5	19	33	16	350	8	41	4	35	233	823	18	1607	60	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Franklin C. Baumer, D.D.	Without charge.	1	373	200	4	2	8	4	247	3	5	2	1	35	233	823	18	1607	60	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
George B. Russell, D.D.	Without charge.	1	322	85	10	19	10	165	1	5	2	1	35	233	823	18	1607	60	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Jonas B. Shontz.	24 Ch., Chambersburg.	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	Zollinger, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Irwin M. Beaver.	Grindstonehill	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	1st Ch., Chambersburg.	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.	
George S. Gill	St. Thomas	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Henry N. Bassler	St. Thomas	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Isaac N. Peitzel	Greencastle	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Albert H. Hilsman	Shippensburg	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	Shippensburg, Camb. Co., Pa.	
Charles A. Santee	Mont Alto	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	Mont Alto, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Charles M. Smith	McConnellsburg	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Edward O. Keen	McConnellsburg	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	McConnellsburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Abner S. Dechant	St. P's of Wnboro.	1	257	80	4	3	7	6	325	3	1	2	4	267	927	75	927	75	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.	
George R. Zacharias	Without charge.	1	221	164	4	2	16	2	203	5	2	1	39	186	338	88	338	88	Forreston, Illinois.	
John M. North	Disabled licentiate.	1	221	164	4	2	16	2	203	5	2	1	39	186	338	88	338	88	Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William M. Irvine, Ph.D.	Lif. Pr. Mer. Col.	1	221	164	4	2	16	2	203	5	2	1	39	186	338	88	338	88	Berkeley Springs, Morgan Co., W. Va.	
Total, 21.	12.	26	3371	1717	74	65	152	80	2789/65	82	51	23	409	2687	6	\$3734	47	\$12847	26	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.

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CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Contributions.			Bap- tisms.	Addi- tions.		Communi- cated.	Names Erased.	Deaths.	Sunday School.	Sunday School Of- ficers and Teachers.	Students for Min- istry.	Contributions.		Past Office Address.			
		Members.	Un- baptized.	Adults.		Confirmed.	Cert. of Re- newal of Prof.							Beneficent Purposes.	Con- tributions for Special Purposes.				
H. St. John Rinker.	Without charge.	1	344	185	8	4	12	2	260	7	2	1	27	190	1	\$ 431 01	\$ 2073 48	Mauertown, Va.	
J. A. Hoffmels, D.D.	Martinsburg.	1	18	8												60	00	62 Martinsburg, W. Va.	
Applied.	Smithfield.	2	149	63	6	1	1	2	123	2	2	2	25	138		133 00	800	00 Shepherdstown, W. Va.	
George G. Everhart.	Middlebrook.	3	190	63	4	7	14	1	131	1	1	2	32	225		60 00	435	00 Middlebrook, Va.	
John T. Balliet.	Without charge.																	Hawkins town, Va.	
Joseph May.	St. Paul's.	1	18	17	1	5	7	2	18	4	1	1	8	50		28 00	425	00 Roanoke, Va.	
Lewis Reiter.	Mt. Crawford.	2	166	50	1	2	15	7	2	15	1	1	23	177		250 00	650	00 Mt. Crawford, Va.	
C. B. Heller.	Winchester.	2	107	106	13	2	1	4	88	2	17	3	2	19	1	84 58	436	00 Winchester, Va.	
J. B. Stonesifer.	Edinburg.	3	183	78	12	6	19	2	171	2	4	3	29	114		135 01	490	00 Edinburg, Va.	
S. A. Hittner.	Harrisville.	2	202	185	4	7	25	2	165	1	2	2	21	111		193 00	60	00 Harrisville, Va.	
A. B. Bauman.	Winchester.	2	202	185	4	7	25	2	165	1	2	2	21	111		193 00	60	00 Winchester, Va.	
N. H. Skyles.	Timberville.	2	131	185	10	4	27	5	157	1	2	4	19	90		336	00	00 Timberville, Va.	
I. Philip Hiler.	Mill Creek.	4	171	158	16	3	5	5	130	2	1	2	34	164		91 00	831	00 Mt. Jackson, Va.	
Henry Ditzler.	Rockingham.	4	373	94	5	22	41	13	331	2	2	6	4	39	224	318 00	1355	00 Mt. Crawford, Va.	
A. D. Wolfinger.	Lovettsville.	1	115	70	6				100	1	1	1	1	12		6 56	97	80 Lovettsville, Va.	
L. T. Lampe.	Falling Waters.	1	14	11					8		1	1	1	36		12 00	69	87 Martinsburg, W. Va.	
J. W. Rauch.	St. Stephens.	1	14	11					8		1	1	1	36		12 00	69	87 Harrisonburg, Va.	
J. Silor Garrison.		1	14	11					8		1	1	1	36		12 00	69	87 Harrisonburg, Va.	
Total.	17.	32	2455	1211	88	60	133	41	2080	35	26	45	28	315	1876	2	\$ 1877 16	\$ 8546 70	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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*Assumed pastorate May, 1896.

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.		Unconfirmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.	Confirmed.	Cernl. or Re- newal of Prof.	Commu- nion.	Dis- missed.	Excom- municated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	S. School Scholars.	Students for Minis- try.	Contribu- tions.		Post Office Address.
		(Conferential).	Members.		Infants.	Adults.												Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
William K. Zieber, D.D.	Without charge.																			Hanover, Pa. St., Lancaster, Pa.
John C. Bowman, D.D.	Prof. in Sem., Lan. Pa.	2	394	20	2	10	10	350	8				11	2	323	246	1	\$ 225	\$ 1317	44 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.	Gettysburg	2	691	450	1	23	10	670	8			12	4	28	330	2	233	2300	232	Gettysburg, Pa.
John H. Hartman.	Lechey's	3	800	68	2	50	10	750	8			21	3	30	410	2	235	1155	233	Codorus, Pa.
Franklin A. Guth.	Jefferson	3	710	500	28	1	34	6	650	11		19	3	30	350	3	500	1290	1155	Littlestown, Pa.
Walter E. Krebs.	Without charge.	1	41	180	10	1	14	14	353	1		15	1	38	245	1	1480	1317	875	Littlestown, Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman.	Christ Church.	1	305	161	17	9	10	255	9			7	1	20	170	2	283	875	385	Littlestown, Pa.
George B. Resser.	Emmanuel	2	224	90	16	3	17	1	174	1		7	2	10	95		65	385	888	Hanover, Pa.
George P. Stein.	Littlestown	2																		
Edward D. Miller.	West Manheim.	2																		
Edward D. Miller.	Without charge.	3	354	207	18	2	17	4	306	14		11	3	32	200		239	888	1620	McKlightstown, Pa.
J. Marion Mickle.	Cashtown																			Fairfield, Pa.
John F. Mackey, M.D.	Without charge.																			
William D. Lefevre.	Abbotstown	3	599	400	41	6	20	14	510	7		15	3	48	350		242	6953	948	Littlestown, Pa.
Peter E. Helmer.	Arendtsville	2	443	325	17	1	10	7	293	4		9	2	37	300	1	528	948	880	Arendtsville, Pa.
Milton M. Noacher.	East Berlin	4	300	105	22	12	48	10	280	2		3	10	3	20	210	145	880	1620	East Berlin, Pa.
George W. Welsh.	Trinity	1	464	350	18	2	16	10	217	6		25	5	1	26	270	96	1620		Hanover, Pa.
Marsby J. Roth.																				Collegeville, Pa.
Lic. Wm. A. Kline.																				
Total.	13.	20	5655	3772	325	33	267	115	5008	79	30	144	28	372	3176	12	\$ 4371	\$ 20188		

CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

Ministres.	Chakras.	Members.	Baptisms.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Admissions.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School.	Zionists for Ministry.	Contributions.		Post Office Address.
														Beneficent Purposes.	Constitutional Purposes.	
Wm. R. H. Deatrick, D.D.	New Bloomfield	363	137	12	2	8	8	350	16	17	3	49	501	\$ 378 00	\$1312 00	Newport, Perry Co., Pa.
J. David Miller	Duncannon	3	189	73	6	1	9	12	154	8	3	35	190	158 00	738 00	Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa.
Wm. H. Grou	Sulphur Springs	4	183	79	3	1	1	169	2	2	4	22	120	172 82	639 00	Carlisle, Cumb. Co., Pa.
George A. House	Carlisle	1	259	110	9	5	10	6	207	9	4	41	175	258 00	1187 00	Carlisle, Cumb. Co., Pa.
James M. Rimate	Mechanicsburg	1	430	160	4	5	18	11	300	15	2	23	250	1065 00	1495 00	Mechanicsburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Miles O. Noll	Carlisle	4	363	263	12	4	4	259	12	10	11	43	354	61 00	600 00	Carlisle, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Titus C. Streck	Zion's															Blain, Perry Co., Pa.
Solomon B. Schafer	Without charge															Martinsburg, Bluff Co., Pa.
Samuel N. Callender, D.D.	Sec. Foreign Missions.															Mechanicsburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Samuel P. Stauffer	Without charge															York, York Co., Pa.
Joseph W. Bell	Without charge															Carlisle, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Lieut. Chas. E. Wagner	Without charge															Sulphur Springs, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Vacant	Newburg	1	143	79	3	1	1	122	1	5	1	16	120	118 00	538 00	Newburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Total, 12.		21	2238	1028	67	11	71	43	1880	70	38	53	2060	\$2419 52	\$7913 45	

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, A. D. 1896.

Classes.	Ministries.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min.	Contributions.					
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Cert. of Re-natal, or Prof.								Benevolent Purposes.	Confessional Purposes.				
		33	4615	2575	315	28	253	176	3666	113	43	105	41	412	4686	4	\$ 3569 00	\$20356 00			
	Zion's	38	9637	4880	490	571	428	249	7307	150	149	251	59	975	7006	11	9567 00	45670 00			
	Maryland	21	26	3371	1717	171	60	152	40	2789	90	82	51	23	409	2857	6	3724 47	12847 26		
	Mercersburg	17	32	2435	1211	88	60	133	41	2080	35	26	45	28	315	1876	5	1977 16	9545 70		
	Virginia	19	41	2352	1625	244	154	135	5530	70	30	43	38	372	2748	8	1460 84	8714 08			
	North Carolina	12	29	5565	3729	325	33	267	115	5008	70	30	144	20	372	2178	13	4371 60	20178 00		
	Gettysburg	12	21	2238	1028	67	11	71	43	1850	70	38	53	20	253	2930	7	2419 52	7913 45		
	Carlisle	21	50	5736	3193	246	64	231	137	4921	131	96	107	46	608	4107	11	5186 00	20723 00		
	Junata	10	13	532	486	71	26	13	28	3	3	5	10	408	408		221 00	2727 00			
	Portland-Oregon	9	307	36833	20187	1847	345	1715	929	30189	686	2	502	809	3344	62	\$ 32596 90	\$ 150104 49			
	Synod of Potomac (Total)	12	282	524	94475	5337	578	455	2370	73431	1219	1766	2376	606	8869	71878	112	81340 00	380669 00		
	Eastern Synod	6	127	233	22400	6356	715	689	1267	1110	18957	520	709	372	212	3127	25554	23	18216 00	127663 00	
	Ohio Synod	5	76	137	16865	9741	919	162	925	530	14120	350	461	289	120	1317	10750	16	21634 00	80414 00	
	Synod of Pittsburgh	10	154	225	21258	14497	1809	271	1044	1597	15079	189	557	353	151	1797	12219	38	14063 00	87914 00	
	Synod of the Northwest	6	89	145	14531	8861	1133	53	530	477	14173	211	49	351	109	1554	12218	24	15194 00	58684 00	
	German Synod of the East	5	50	67	2908	1445	1171	104	227	162	2444	60	191	50	62	671	3827	7	3173 07	13385 63	
	Synod of the Interior	5	50	67	2908	1445	1171	104	227	162	2444	60	191	50	62	671	3827	7	3173 07	13385 63	
	Total & District Synods	56	1001	1655	228300	126097	13976	1049	11281	7249	186617	3361	28	5184	5091	1059	20769	17454	297	\$194126 06	\$1039468 12

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church
in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN HAGERSTOWN, MD.,

In the Month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the nineteenth and continued until the evening of the twenty-fifth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.
OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in the First or Zion Reformed Church, of Hagerstown, Washington county, Md., on Tuesday evening, October 19th, A. D. 1897, at 7:30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. C. Clever, D.D., from Isaiah 52:1—"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.
DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers:—H. M. John Klein, Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Hiram J. Hillegass.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. J. David Miller, *President*, Duncannon, Pa.

Elder J. H. Apple, *Vice-President*, Frederick, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. A. B. Bauman, *Corresponding Secretary*, Harrisville,

Va.

Rev. C. E. Creitz, *Reading Clerk*, Huntingdon, Pa.

Elder George N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House*.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning session to open at 9 o'clock and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon session to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. J. S. Kieffer, G. A. Snyder, B.

R. Carnahan, and Elders J. H. Cost, J. Gassman.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, I. M. Motter,

H. M. J. Klein, and Elders J. Deisinger, S. K. Clever.

Overtures.—Revs. W. R. H. Deatrick, H. J. Hillegass, F.

A. Lindaman, and Elders H. Inners, M. C. Coblentz.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, J. B. Stonesi-

fer, D. G. Hetrick, and Elders I. Laucks, J. H. Apple.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. O. Miller, E. R. Eschbach, W. E. Krebs, and Elders A. Conner, Sen., C. M. Zumstein.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. C. Clever, J. W. Santee, A. S. Weber, and Elders W. S. Kefauver, S. Hoefflich.

Education.—Revs. I. N. Peightel, A. T. G. Apple, T. F. Hoffmeier, and Elders O. A. Haines, J. H. Myers.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. C. A. Santee, J. B. Shontz, F. W. Bald, and Elders A. A. Hammar, D. M. B. Shannon.

Missions.—Revs. F. F. Bahner, N. H. Skyles, H. H. Ranck, and Elders J. S. Crawn, J. G. Bach.

Sunday-schools.—Revs. M. O. Noll, J. W. Pontius, T. K. Cromer, and Elders J. C. Imler, H. A. Neff.

Publication.—Revs. J. F. Moyer, G. G. Everhart, F. A. Rupley, Sen., and Elders J. H. Stephens, J. H. Sheibly.

Finance.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, C. E. Creitz, A. B. Bauman, and Elders J. H. Shook, I. K. Little.

Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund.—Rev. T. J. Barkley, and Elders I. Laucks, J. N. Slagle.

Nominations.—Revs. A. S. Weber, E. W. Stonebraker, E. F. Wiest, and Elders M. Hess, C. Weirich.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. G. P. Stem, J. M. L. Lyerly, L. T. Lampe, and Elders J. L. Weber, J. Brewster.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata, and Portland-Oregon, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

Elders:—Peter C. Wiest, Jonas Deisinger, M.D.,^o Israel Laucks, Henry Inners.^f

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers:—E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D., J. Spangler Kiefer, D.D., Joseph W. Santee, D.D., Atvill Conner, Adam S. Weber, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Barton R. Carnahan, Isaac M. Motter, Frederick W. Bald, George A. Snyder, George W. Snyder, A. Thomas G. Apple, Charles W. Levan.⁴

Elders:—Prof. Joseph H. Apple, Jacob H. Cost, Martin C. Coblentz, John Gassman, Atvill Conner, Sen.,^h Charles M. Zumstein,^h W. Scott Kefauver, Oliver A. Haines, Andrew A. Hammar,^h Abraham Hemp,^o William H. Boyer, Goldsborough S. Griffith,^{2h} David Miller.^{2h}

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers:—Isaac N. Peightel, Charles A. Santee, Edward O. Keen, William M. Deatrick, D.D., Franklin F. Bahner, D.D., Jonas B. Shontz.

Elders:—Samuel K. Clever, Samuel Hoeflich, John H. Shook, Daniel M. B. Shannon,^h J. Calvin Fuss,² George A. Wood.²

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers:—John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Nehemiah H. Skyles, James B. Stonesifer, Albert B. Bauman, Lewis T. Lampe, George G. Everhart.

Elders:—James H. Myers, John S. Crown, John H. Show, William A. Pence,⁴ William D. Levy.^k

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers:—J. M. Luther Lyerly.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers:—George P. Stem, Walter E. Krebs, Francis S. Lindaman, John H. Hartman,^{4t} Peter E. Heimer,^{4h} Marsby J. Roth.⁴

Elders:—William J. Feezer, Joseph Gelbach,^h Abraham G. Keagy,^{2h} Jacob A. March,^h Jacob H. Shriver,^{4h} P. Edward Rafensperger.^{4h}

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers:—William R. H. Deatrich, D.D., J. David Miller, Miles O. Noll, Henry H. Ranck.

Elders:—John H. Sheibly, Samuel S. Brenner, Moses Hess, Charles Weirich.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers:—John W. Pontius, Charles E. Creitz, Edward W. Stonebraker, Thomas K. Cromer, John F. Moyer, Edward F. Wiest, Daniel G. Hetrick, Lewis Robb.⁴

Elders:—Jonas C. Imler,^h Henry A. Neff, John Brewster, Jacob L. Weber, John H. Stephens, Isaac K. Little, Jackson L. Grove, Dr. Amos C. Daniel.^h

IX.—From the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening session of the Synod.

The letters in their order refer to the sessions at which delegates obtained leave of absence and left the Synod.

Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier occupied the seat of Rev. C. W. Levan, during the first three sessions, and that of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, during the sessions of Friday; Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., that of Rev. L. Robb, during the first three sessions; Rev. Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., that of Rev. J. W. Pontius, during Monday's sessions; and Elder Henry S. Walck that of Elder J. H. Shook, during the sessions of Saturday.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Maryland Classis:—Revs. William Goodrich, Simon S. Miller, Conrad Clever, D.D., Alexander Bateman, William C. Sykes, Cyrus Cort, D.D., Calvin S. Slagle, Samuel H. Dietzel, George M. Zacharias, William C. B. Shulenberger, Elder J. Taylor Motter.

Mercersburg Classis:—Revs. Irwin M. Beaver, William M. Irvine, Ph.D., George B. Russell, D.D., Elder Henry S. Walck.

Virginia Classis:—Revs. Calvin B. Heller, Jacob S. Garrison, John W. Rauch, Elder Daniel S. Rentch.

North Carolina Classis:—Revs. Jacob C. Leonard, William H. Stubblebine.

Gettysburg Classis:—Rev. J. Marion Mickly, and Elders George N. Forney, Edgar Slagle.

Carlisle Classis:—Rev. Samuel N. Callender, D.D., Elder George A. Wagner.

Juniata Classis:—Revs. Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Louis C. Harnish, Eugene L. McLean, Homer S. May, Frederick A. Rupley, Jr.

Eastern Synod:—Revs. Adam C. Whitmer, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, John G. Noss, Rufus W. Miller, Elder Prof. Jefferson E. Kershner, Ph.D.

Pittsburgh Synod:—Revs. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Ambrose M. Schmidt, Charles R. Ferner, David A. Souder.

Synod of the Interior:—Rev. John W. Love, D.D.

Ministers of Other Churches.

Lutheran Church:—Revs. Dr. Owen, G. C. H. Haaskarl, Ph.D., C. O. Hoy, V. Miller.

Presbyterian Church:—Revs. Israel W. Hathaway, D.D., George B. Wilson.

Methodist Church:—Rev. W. W. Van Arsdale.

United Brethren Church:—Rev. J. W. Owen.

ized statement of the receipts and expenditures of said institution, giving the financial condition of the College.

Item 4, page 13. The Classes are directed to make a proper record in regard to their vote on the re-submitted Constitution sent down by the General Synod for approval or rejection.

Item 5, page 41. Revs. A. S. Weber, F. F. Bahner and M. M. Noacher are appointed a committee to co-operate with the President of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., to solicit funds for the contemplated Twenty Thousand Dollars Endowment of said institution.

Item 6, page 47. The Special Committee appointed to co-operate in the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, reported progress, and is continued; of which committee, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is Chairman.

Item 7, page 48. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, whose terms of service will shortly terminate.

Item 8, page 58. The attention of the Zion's and Maryland Classes, delinquent in the payment of their apportionments for the Chicago church, is called to the matter, and they are urged to make payment in full by the first of last December.

Item 9, page 59. The Classes are requested to join heartily in the proper observance of the Sesqui-Centennial, during the present year, and make earnest efforts in behalf of the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund of \$100,000 for Church Extension Work.

Item 10, page 61. It becomes the duty of Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the places of those whose terms of service are about to expire.

Item 11, pages 65-66. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Work among the Germans, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Calvin College, Catawba College, Harbor Missions, Contingent Fund of Synod, and Contingent Fund of General Synod.

Item 12, page 66. Arrearages are noted as existing on apportionments for Contingent Fund of Synod, Contingent Fund of General Synod, and Chicago Mission Church.

Item 13, page 67. It will be necessary to elect a member of the Board of Trustees of Synod, in place of Elder Jacob N. Slagle, whose term of service will end on the 1st of next January.

Item 14, page 75. The Stated Clerk is directed to have

twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1896 published.

Item 15, page 78. The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually, in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October, in each Synodical year.

Item 16, page 82. The Special Committee, appointed in 1895, to devise a plan for the transaction of the business of Synod, reported progress, and is continued; of which Rev. J. C. Bowman is Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 5, and 6, see Article XIII., Education; on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; the action contained in item 3 was reiterated; on items 4, 8, 9, and 15, see Article X., Minutes of Classes; items 7, 10, and 13 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 11 and 12, see Articles X. and XV., Minutes of Classes and Finance; on item 14, see Article XX., Publication. The committee under item 16, having failed to report, was discharged.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A communication from the President of the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions, appealing to the Synod to adopt measures by which to relieve the Board of its pressing financial embarrassment.

Item 2. A communication from the Superintendent of Missions, respecting the sale of the church property, by the congregation at Napa, California.

Item 3. A communication from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, notifying Synod of the expiration of the term of service of George N. Forney as a member of said Board.

Item 4. The report of the Committee on the House of our Professor, in connection with which is the report of the Auditing Committee.

Item 5. The report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Item 6. The 34th annual report of Bethany Orphan Home, in printed form, with written additional facts.

Item 7. The annual statement of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 8. A communication from the American Anti-Saloon League, accompanying which is its Constitution and its Address to the People, with the request that two delegates be sent to the next convention.

Item 9 is a Memoir of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, by the President of the Society, containing the Charter, Enabling Act, and the By-Laws.

Item 10. The report of the Board of Trustees of Wichita University.

Item 11. A communication from Elder John E. Roller, respecting his absence from Synod.

Item 12. The report of the Rev. Dr. Ruetenik, respecting Calvin College.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. H. DEATRICH, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XIV., Missions; on items 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; and on items 3, 4, 5, and 12, see Article XIII., Education.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report, as adopted, is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I.—Irregularities.

1. Zion's Classis enrolled as a delegate, an elder who had not been chosen by the charge to represent it.

2. Virginia Classis fails to give a correct record of one of its special meetings, there being no copy of call recorded.

3. North Carolina Classis fails to give exact copy of call for a special meeting.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

4. Maryland Classis overtures Synod to provide a fund of \$500 to secure copies of valuable documents from the Holland archives pertaining to the Michael Schlatter period.

5. Mercersburg Classis overtures Synod to reduce its apportionment for Home Missions to the extent of three hundred dollars.

6. Virginia Classis petitions the Board of Education, through the Synod of the Potomac, for a modification of its rules governing beneficiary students, in so far as they interfere with the personal liberties of beneficiary students.

7. North Carolina Classis requests Synod to excuse it from its apportionments for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions and for Calvin College, and calls the attention of Synod to its action last year concerning Home Missions and Beneficiary Education.

8. Portland-Oregon Classis requests Synod to dismiss them to the Synod of the Northwest.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

None.

IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

9. The Revised Constitution.

Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata Classes approved it.

Zion and Portland-Oregon rejected it; and North Carolina referred it to a Special Committee, who recorded a protest against its adoption.

10. Zion's Classis accepted and approved all the recommendations of Synod, except the apportionment for Church Building, and the arrearage for Chicago Mission, which latter was stricken from the report.

11. Maryland Classis accepted all of Synod's recommendations, but assumed \$600 only for Beneficiary Education. It paid \$42 on Chicago Mission and re-apportioned the remainder.

12. Mercersburg Classis declined to accept the apportionment for the Theological Seminary, but approved all the other recommendations.

13. Virginia Classis assumed only \$300 for Home Missions, \$35 for Bohemian and Hungarian Missions, \$200 for Beneficiary Education; declined to accept apportionment for Work among the Germans, and accedes to all other requests.

14. North Carolina Classis approved of everything, but

declined to accept the sums apportioned for Home, Foreign, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Beneficiary Education, and Calvin College.

15. Gettysburg and Carlisle Classis approved all requests, and the latter Classis recorded the items on arrearages—"attended to."

16. Juniata Classis approved all, excepting that it assumed only \$600 for Beneficiary Education.

17. Portland-Oregon Classis approved the recommendations of Synod, and expressed regrets that no copy of its Minutes was furnished last year.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

18. Zion's Classis—Rev. Reuben Rahauser died.

19. Maryland Classis licensed Frederick Cromer, Ezra D. Lantz, R. Frank Main; received Rev. Samuel H. Dietzel from Westmoreland Classis, and dismissed Licentiate F. Cromer to Tiffin Classis, and E. D. Lantz to Iowa Classis.

20. Mercersburg Classis licensed James M. Mullan; dismissed Rev. George S. Gill to Illinois Classis, and Licentiate J. M. Mullan to Carlisle Classis; and struck from the roll the name of Rev. Jonathan W. Miller.

21. Virginia Classis licensed Charles A. Bushong; received Licentiate Raymond R. Jones from Wyoming Classis and ordained him; and dismissed Rev. John T. Balliet to Somerset Classis.

22. North Carolina Classis ordained Licentiate Clarence Clapp (in 1896) and Theodore C. Hesson; received Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine from Wyoming Classis, and Licentiate Theodore C. Hesson from Gettysburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. Andrew H. Smith to Allegheny Classis.

23. Gettysburg Classis licensed Urban C. E. Gutelius, Theodore C. Hesson, Leander J. Rohrbaugh; received Rev. Paul M. Spangler from East Pennsylvania Classis; dismissed Licentiates L. J. Rohrbaugh to Lehigh Classis, U. C. E. Gutelius to Somerset Classis, and T. C. Hesson to North Carolina Classis.

24. Carlisle Classis licensed Henry H. Hartman and Henry E. Hibschan; ordained Licentiates Henry H. Ranck, Henry E. Hibschan and James M. Mullan; received Licentiates H. H. Ranck from Lancaster Classis of Eastern Synod, and J. M. Mullan from Mercersburg Classis; and dismissed Rev. James M. Runkle to West Susquehanna Classis, Joseph W. Bell to Wyoming Classis, and Licentiates H. H. Hartman to Philadelphia Classis, and C. E. Wagner to Westmoreland Classis.

25. Juniata Classis licensed Adolphus Walker; ordained Licentiate James N. Wagenhurst; received Rev. Edward F.

Wiest from Philadelphia Classis, and Licentiate J. M. Waghurst from Lehigh Classis; and dismissed the latter to the West New Jersey Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

26. Portland-Oregon Classis struck the name of Rev. A. Bauman from its roll.

VI.—Places and Times of the Next Annual Meetings.

27. Zion's Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Kreutz Creek, York county, Pa., May 3d, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. F. C. Yost, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder J. Deisinger, *Treasurer*.

28. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Walkersville, Frederick county, Md., May 18th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

29. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Shippensburg, Pa., May 19th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, *President*; and Rev. W. M. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

30. Virginia Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Lovettsville, Loudon county, Va., May 18th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. H. Ditzler, *President*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

31. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Newton, N. C., May 12th, A. D. 1898, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. L. Murphy, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

32. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at New Oxford, Pa., May 14th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. M. J. Roth, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

33. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Mechanicsburg, Pa., May 18th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30, P. M. Rev. M. O. Noll, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

34. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Saxton, Bedford county, Pa., May 19th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Rev. J. F. Moyer, *President*; and Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

35. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of West Union, Oregon, June 2d, A. D. 1898. Rev. J. G. Schmid, *President*; Rev. H. Liesman, *Stated Clerk*; Elder F. Koellermeier, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. DEATRICK, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 9, 11 to 35 inclusive, were severally adopted. The requests in items 4 and 5 were not granted. The request or petition in item 6 was not acceded to or granted. The North

Carolina Classis was exonerated from the payment of last year's apportionments for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions and Calvin College, but as it regards apportionments for Home Missions, said Classis is directed to pay them hereafter into the treasury of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

The request of the Portland-Oregon Classis to be dismissed to the Synod of the Northwest, was granted, and the Classis was accordingly dismissed for the purpose of uniting with said Synod.

Item 10. The amount, \$138.00, was re-apportioned upon Zion's Classis, and the Classis was kindly urged to pay the amount, inasmuch as it is still needed by the new church at Chicago, towards cancelling its indebtedness.

All the Classes were, on motion, requested to assume and pay their full apportionment hereafter.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

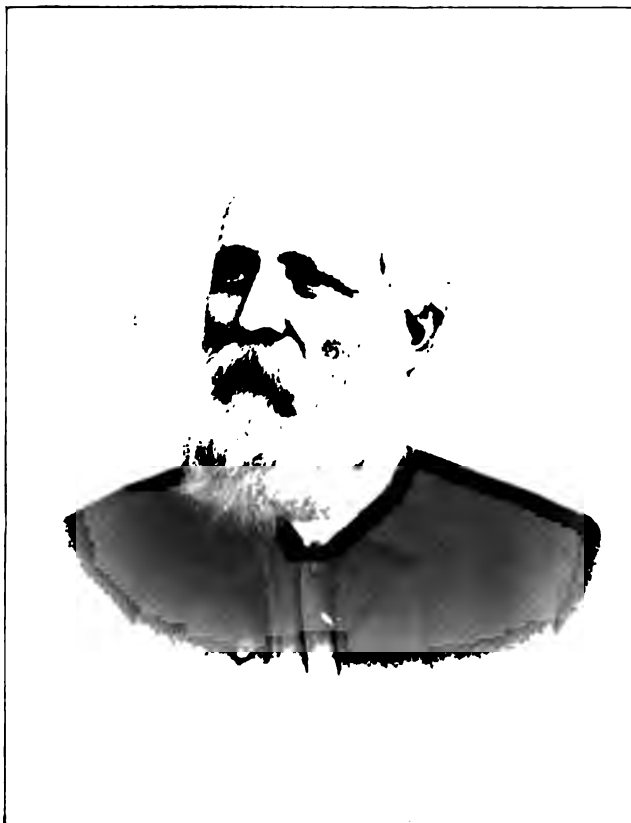
The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In a review of the past year, as presented in the reports of the Classes, there is much for gratitude and praise. There is a vein of hopefulness in every sphere of Christian work. It has not been in vain that the Word has been preached. The reapers are coming in, bringing their precious sheaves with them. Pastors have been gladdened in seeing sinners converted, back-sliders reclaimed and saints strengthened. The Lord has been adding unto the Church continually of such as shall be saved.

There is a growing faith in the power of the preached



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Stated Clerk of the Synod since its Organization.

Word and the faithful observance of the Sacraments. These fountains of divine energy have been flowing with all the fullness that marked them in the days when the giants drank of them and became strong. To those who have been engrafted into the covenant blessings of redemption, have been instructed in the knowledge of God and of His Word, the preaching has been the power of God and the wisdom of God unto their salvation. Some of the reports speak of a new interest in Sunday-school work. There has been an increase in quality and quantity, both in teaching and scholars. The Church is more and more using this means as the nursery from which are to be supplied the twigs out of which shall grow the trees of the Lord's own planting.

There is occasionally a complaint as to the amount of benevolence that has been reported. But on the whole, there has been a growth of the benevolent spirit. Men are beginning to realize that the sacrifice on the cross calls for sacrifice on the part of those who hope to receive all of its benefits. A soul that will not water, cannot expect to be watered in turn. Apostolic methods have been tried, and found to call forth streams of benevolence that shall make glad the city of our God.

The literature and periodicals of the Church have been recognized as agencies, by which a new life has been imparted to many portions of the Church. Where these are extensively circulated, there is found a field fertilized and ready for a bountiful harvest of good works and charity.

But while so much has been done, there is a sense of regret that more has not been accomplished. There is a feeling that somehow the powers of darkness should be put down with a steadier hand. The enemy sometimes comes in upon us with a flood that destroys some of our darling hopes. There seems to be an unreadiness for the larger light which will dawn upon the Church when it is ready to exclaim from an honest heart, "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus."

There is running through all the reports a steady determination to attain unto larger things. There is no doubt but we are capable of greater service and sacrifice. In every Classis there are men whose wealth has not been consecrated, energies that lie dormant, and methods that can be sanctified to the pulling down of the stronghold of sin and the building up of the saints. To the realization of such splendid possibilities even the most sluggish begin to bestir themselves, and the elect are all aglow with the "fine frenzy" that comes with the larger fellowship of the Spirit. Realizing a divine Providence in all things, a Captain who leads us on, who has never been worsted in a conflict or lost a battle, and a Holy Spirit whose energy is as really imparted to us as to the disciples in the

upper room, the Church moves forward with a confidence that startles the hosts of unbelief.

There is always an acknowledgment of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, coupled with a determination that the ministry shall not be found wanting in the day when He shall make up His jewels.

It becomes the sad duty of your committee to note the deaths of two of our fellow laborers during the Synodical year just ended, namely, Rev. George C. Erb and Rev. Reuben Rahausser. A fuller notice will, no doubt, be found under the Article of Ministerial Necrology.

Respectfully submitted,

C. CLEVER, *Chairman.*

For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod, during the session of Friday morning, which was received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave, through its Treasurer, to present the following annual report, for the year ending October 1st, 1897:

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report, namely: Rev. William C. Cremer, *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*; and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Treasurer*.

The Board held its regular annual meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., July 20th, 1897, when the organization for the year took place, the grade papers of the beneficiary students were carefully examined, showing their progress, and the annual appropriations were made for the present academic year. The Board was pained to learn that the average grade of several of its beneficiaries was below that of the average grade of the class to which they belong. They were admonished to be more earnest and faithful in their studies, else they would have to be dropped from the list of our beneficiary students. The Board does not believe that the funds of the Church should be given to young men, as beneficiary students, who lack either in mental ability or in faithful, earnest application to their studies, or in both particulars. The large majority of the Board's beneficiaries, we are pleased to know, are striving to be faithful

to their studies, and stand well in the several classes to which they belong.

The operations of the Board have been carried forward with a fair degree of prosperity and success, during the year just ended, notwithstanding the unusual financial depression that prevailed, during the larger portion of the year. An inspection of the Treasurer's Report will show the actual receipts and the payments of the Board to be larger than for two or three past years. The appropriations to the beneficiary students, under the care of the Board, were all paid, but unfortunately not as promptly as they were needed by the young men, or should have been paid. Last winter the Treasurer was greatly worried by the earnest appeals from the beneficiaries for their stipends, when there were no funds in the treasury. To inform them of this fact, increased his labors and added to his postage bill. It certainly seems unfair, that he should be unnecessarily burdened with such additional labor, when for full twenty-two years he has served the Synod and the Church as Treasurer of the Board of Education, without asking or receiving any salary whatever. Too many of the pastors neglect lifting their collections for this cause until near the time of the annual meetings of the Classes, apparently forgetting that the beneficiaries cannot wait until the close of the academic year for their appropriations. The funds should be in the treasury of the Board, so that payments can be made to them regularly in each of the three terms of the college year, and so avoid trouble and worry to the young men as well as to the Treasurer.

Six of the beneficiary students under our care and supervision have completed their studies, five of them having taken the full collegiate and theological course of training for the work of the holy ministry, whilst one of them took the full three years' course in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., but without having graduated from the college. They are Charles A. Bushong, Urban C. E. Gutelius, Henry H. Hartman, Theodore C. Hesson, Ezra D. Lantz, and James M. Mullan. They were all licensed to preach the Gospel, last May, by the respective Classes under whose care they pursued their studies as students for the ministry. Messrs. Hesson and Mullan are serving pastoral charges of our own Synod, Mr. Hartman of the Eastern Synod, and Mr. Gutelius of the Pittsburgh Synod. The remaining two are still without definite location, so far as we know at this writing.

Twenty-eight beneficiary students have been aided in their studies by funds from the treasury of your Board to the amount of \$3,380.80, in sums ranging from \$13.77 to \$150, during the past year. Five young men were enrolled as beneficiary students under our care and supervision, at the annual

meeting of the Board, namely: Charles B. Rebert, A.B., at the request of the Gettysburg Classis; Vernon S. Rice and Henry W. Kochenderfer, at that of the Carlisle Classis; Howard R. Miller, at that of the Virginia Classis; and George W. Beaver was re-enrolled at the request of the Juniata Classis. At present, twenty-eight beneficiaries are on our list, who hold their Classis connection as follows: Maryland Classis 5, Gettysburg Classis 5, Zion's Classis 5, Mercersburg Classis 4, Juniata Classis 4, Carlisle Classis 4, and Virginia Classis 1. They are George W. Beaver, Frederick C. Seitz and George W. Shellenberger, *Seminary Seniors*; Moses A. Kieffer, William G. Klein and Nevin L. Weidner, *Seminary Middlers*; John W. Gilds, Charles B. Rebert and Scott R. Wagner, *Seminary Juniors*; W. Stewart Cramer, John S. Heffner, William Kepner and John K. McKee, *College Seniors*; Robert L. Bair, Joseph E. Guy, John H. Smith and Charles A. Waltman, *College Juniors*; Blanchard A. Black, Frederick A. Cook, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, Charles B. Heinly and John E. Stone, *College Sophomores*; and John Alexander, Henry W. Kochenderfer, Howard R. Miller, Vernon S. Rice and Chalmers W. Walck, *College Freshmen*. It may be proper to state that sixteen of the above-named are connected with the institutions at Lancaster, Pa., eleven at Collegeville, and one at Tiffin, Ohio.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipts of the following sums for Beneficiary Education during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payments into the treasury, summarizing them when there have been two or more contributions from the same charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where offerings have been given by them, so as to present the sum total contributed by each pastoral charge, except in the cases of those Classes where the sources of the contributions were not specified:

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Gettysburg Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified \$575, and Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover \$150. Making \$725.

Maryland Classis.—Frederick Church \$100, Middletown Church \$65, St. Paul's Church of Baltimore \$49.50, First Church of Hagerstown \$49, Silver Run Charge \$46, First Church of Baltimore \$36.78, Manor Charge \$30, Utica Charge \$27, Christ Church Charge of Hagerstown \$25, Glade Charge \$23, Mount Moriah Charge \$23, Woodberry Church \$18, Christ Church of Baltimore \$13, Mount Pleasant Charge \$11, Faith Church of Baltimore \$11, Washington Mission \$10, Thurmont Charge \$10, Westminster Church \$6, Union Bridge

Charge \$5.60, Burkittsville Charge \$5, Braddock Church \$2.50, Grace Church of Baltimore \$2, sources of contributions not specified \$129.76, and refunded by a former beneficiary (D.) \$25. Making \$723.14.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg \$85, Waynesboro Charge \$70, Greencastle Church \$54.03, Grindstone-hill Charge \$45, St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro \$40, Ship-pensburg Charge \$35, Second Church of Chambersburg \$30, Mercersburg Charge \$19.11, St. Thomas Charge \$7, McCon-nellsburg Charge \$5, Mont Alto Charge \$3, interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy \$12, Rev. George B. Russell (special) \$25, and refunded by a former beneficiary (R.) \$60. Making \$490.14.

Juniata Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified \$467.27.

Zion's Classis.—First Church of York \$69.66, Paradise Charge \$50, Shrewsbury Charge \$49, Glen Rock Charge \$45.77, Trinity Charge \$41.07, Heidelberg Church \$37.13, Kreutz Creek Charge \$36.43, Grace Reformed Church of York \$26, Zion's Reformed Church of York \$15, and Mount Pleas-ant Charge \$5.14. Making \$375.80.

Carlisle Classis.—New Bloomfield Charge \$60, Zion's Charge \$58, Carlisle Church \$55, Mechanicsburg Church \$41.99, Landisburg Charge \$35.31, Carlisle Springs Charge \$25, Duncannon Charge \$23.24, and Newburg Church \$17.96. Making \$316.50.

Virginia Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified \$300.

Recapitulation.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 1st, 1896.....	\$	317	90
Received from Gettysburg Classis.....		725	00
" " Maryland Classis		723	14
" " Mercersburg Classis		490	14
" " Juniata Classis		467	27
" " Zion's Classis		375	80
" " Carlisle Classis		316	50
" " Virginia Classis		300	00

Total receipts..... \$3,715 75

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

Paid to beneficiary students of Gettysburg Classis	\$	950	00
" " " Mercersburg Classis		560	00
" " " Maryland Classis		510	00
" " " Juniata Classis		425	00
" " " Zion's Classis		375	80
" " " Carlisle Classis		400	00
" " " Virginia Classis		150	00
Paid for printing Rules and Regulations of the Board.....		2	50
Postage and stationery.....		4	10
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1897.....		338	35

Making \$3,715 75

We do hereby certify, that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and payments, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the treasury to be \$338.35, on the 1st day of October, A. D. 1897.

J. W. SANTEE,
C. A. SANTEE.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to report as follows:

At our annual meeting in June, the Board organized by the re-election of the same officers as last year. It affords us pleasure to report the past as a most successful year. During the year closing in June, 1897, there was an attendance of one hundred and twelve students. Thirty-one of them finished the course prescribed. The opening of the school this year was under the most favorable auspices. One hundred and thirty pupils are on the roll; one hundred and nine are boarders, and twenty-one day scholars.

For the year ending June, 1897, the receipts of the school were.....	\$18,649 91
Expenses of the school, including salaries paid	16,344 19
Earnings above expenses	\$ 2,305 72

(On the 31st day of March, 1897, we conveyed the property known as the "Professor House" at the southern side of the village of Mercersburg, to J. Montgomery Forster, of Harrisburg, in consideration of the sum of three thousand dollars. With this money all the liens on the property were paid, so that Mercersburg College, for the first time in almost a quarter of a century, is absolutely free from mortgage indebtedness.

It is with great gratification that we report that a friend of the institution, whose name, at his own request, is withheld, has contributed to the college the sum of two thousand dollars. This money is safely invested in an interest-bearing obligation. Under the terms of the gift, the principal is to be kept invested, and the interest used for the support of worthy students.

At the present time, the accommodations, even with the

enlarged building, are entirely inadequate for the needs of the school. It has been found necessary, though not desirable, to use the Preparatory Building at the other end of the town. There should be erected in the near future additional facilities for the accommodation of students.

We feel that the Giver of all good has especially blessed the efforts of the friends of this school, and we hope that your reverend body will aid it in every way possible. We assert, with great confidence, that it merits your support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President*.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., beg leave to present the following annual report:

Three regular meetings of the Board were held during the year, and the business committed to us received our careful and thoughtful attention.

On January 26th, 1897, the Board was incorporated, in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, under the name of "The Woman's College of Frederick, Md.," with full power to receive and hold property, to confer degrees, etc., a copy of which document is herewith submitted as a part of this report, marked exhibit A.

The Board was organized under the conditions of the charter, by the election of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., *President*; Rev. G. S. Sagle, *Secretary*; and A. C. McCardell, *Treasurer*.

Prof. Jos. H. Apple is continued as Treasurer of the current College expenses and Financial Agent.

Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., and W. H. Lakin were constituted a committee to advise and co-operate with the Treasurer in the management of the funds of the Board.

An appropriate Seal has been adopted, the impression of which is shown on the cover of our last catalogue.

The Board has arranged to confer three different degrees, viz., A.B. (Bachelor of Arts) to the Classic; B.S. (Bachelor of Science) to the Scientific; and B.E. (Bachelor of English) to the English course. Either of these degrees is open to the graduates upon the completion of a full course of study.

By a reference to the Catalogue (copies of which are here-with presented for your examination), it will be seen that the entire enrollment last year was 151, of which number 60 were boarders.

On June 2d, a class of twelve was graduated; six in the

Certificate course, three in the Scientific course, who received the degree of B.S., and three in the Music course.

The fourth year of successful work has passed. The course of study has been gradually raised and extended. All departments have been in full and successful operation.

The annual report of the Treasurer of current expenses, was duly audited and found to be correct.

The gross receipts for the year were \$12,268.20.

The gross expenditures for running expenses, \$12,039.93; leaving a net gain of \$228.58.

Our total resources are \$3,512.77.

Our total liabilities, \$2,823.93; leaving to our credit \$668.84.

There has been an annual drain upon the finances of the institution for its further equipment. Though the equipment of the "Frederick Female Seminary" was complete and in fairly good condition at the time of our assuming possession, it was inadequate. It has been necessary to replace worn-out furniture and apparatus with new, and to supply much additional, to provide for the rapid growth of the institution. This outlay for the past year was \$938.62, and now aggregates for the four years \$2,721.14. Of this amount, \$664.60 has been charged up to general current expense for wear and tear, and this past year \$123.91 was contributed by friends in Frederick towards a fund to liquidate the balance, leaving unprovided for at this date, \$1,938.44. This appears in our financial statement as a resource, and the property it represents is well worth the amount, but the fact remains that the current revenues of the College are insufficient to assume the sum. We do not think we should be expected to use the current revenues for this purpose. The Church ought to come to our relief and provide for the equipment of the institution. When this is done, the annual revenues from students, and the interest from endowment funds now in hand and yet to be secured, will provide for current expenses.

The rental of \$1,000 for the past year has been paid.

Last spring the ladies of the Reformed congregation of Frederick took possession of the College parlors and renovated them, by re-papering, painting, carpeting, and placing handsome furniture and decorations therein at a cost of \$307 to them.

The College Library has received valuable and much-needed additions, at a cost of \$125, from sources outside of the ordinary current income, since our last report.

During the year, the "James Mifflin Hood Endowment Fund" of \$20,000, the generous gift of Mrs. Margaret E. Hood, as a memorial to her late husband, James Mifflin Hood, came into our possession.

An additional sum of \$1,000 has been secured for the Endowment Fund, and \$123.91 for Equipment.

The statement of Treasurer A. C. McCardell is herewith submitted as part of this report, and is marked Exhibit B.

The growth of the College has compelled us to expand the buildings wherever possible. This requires a correspondingly enlarged equipment for the year upon which we have entered.

A system of electric bells, throughout the building, has superseded the former unsatisfactory method of signals. Electric light has been substituted for gas. A new bath-room has been constructed on the third floor of West Hall, and a new gymnasium, 30 by 80 feet, in the basement of College Hall.

The gymnasium will be equipped with funds raised outside of our current expenses, the greater portion of which are already pledged by the friends of the College in Frederick; but for the construction of the building itself, provision is yet to be made.

Since our last report, the students of the College have undertaken the publication of a monthly journal, called "The Lesbian Herald," a copy of which is herewith submitted. The first volume proved acceptable to its readers, and by judicious business management, the editorial staff was able not only to meet its financial obligations but to devote a considerable surplus to the purchase of books for the Library. "The Herald" is commended to the friends of the institution, both as a means of circulating information concerning it and of providing a revenue for the maintenance of the Library.

Several changes are to be noted in the Faculty. The Angel of Death called to her reward, on December 1st, 1896, Mrs. Mary Rankin Apple, beloved wife of Prof. Jos. H. Apple, and Vice-President of the Faculty. She died in the bloom of womanhood, and in the midst of a career of usefulness, for which she was pre-eminently fitted.

As a Board, we here record our high appreciation of her character as a woman, her efficiency as a teacher, and her unselfish and valuable services to the College. In her death, we have sustained a great loss, which has compelled us to reconstruct our Faculty at a salient point.

Prof. C. W. R. Crum, A.B., M.D., and his wife, Mrs. Grace Crum, have become members of the Faculty; the latter as Lady Principal, and the former as Resident Physician, while both are also valuable teachers. Miss Sallie C. Fauntleroy has succeeded Miss Jennie Thomas as Teacher of Elocution and Physical Culture. Miss Froelich has been granted one year's leave of absence, which she is devoting to further study in her department. Miss Frances Steckel is Instructor in Science; Miss Willie May Derr, Librarian; and Miss Charlotte H. Richardson, Office Secretary.

The buildings were never in better condition for the reception of students; the Faculty never better equipped for its work; and the attendance of students never so large as at the opening of the present year.

The enrollment at this date is in excess of that of last year, and the limit of our boarding accommodations is reached, as the present available rooms are all occupied.

Our present Faculty could equally well teach larger classes without disadvantage to the students, or increased expense to us. The outlook now is that more room for boarders will be required before the end of this current college year. We therefore ask Synod to authorize us to rent or lease additional rooms or property, as the exigencies of the situation may require.

We have entered upon the last of the original five-year lease of the college plant. The work has been extended as rapidly as our limited quarters would permit. The balance on the ledger is in our favor, but the margin is too narrow to warrant us in pushing the work as the logic of the situation and our opportunities demand.

If the education of woman lies at the foundation of all true progress in Church and State, as we believe it does, then money invested in the further endowment and equipment of the College will yield large returns in the permanent uplift of our people.

It would, indeed, be possible to shrink our work within our present income and equipment; but to do so would be to ignore the obvious leadings of Providence—it would do violence to our best judgment as to opportunity and duty; it would, we believe, satisfy no right-thinking person, and would, therefore, be a great mistake.

We must go forward, extending the College work along all legitimate lines. To do this, we must have your active co-operation. We ask, therefore, that provision be made for the amount due on equipment, and that further authority be given to secure the \$20,000 endowment authorized last year, in addition to what has been or may be done by the Frederick congregation, to meet our immediate and prospective wants.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President.*

FREDERICK, MD., Oct. 19, 1897.

Articles of Incorporation of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

ARTICLE I.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned subscribers, Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Calvin S. Sagle, William H. Lakin, Adrian C. McCardell, all citizens of

the State of Maryland, and citizens of the United States, and John E. Roller, a citizen of the State of Virginia and a citizen of the United States, desirous of forming a body corporate agreeably to the provisions of the general corporation laws of the State of Maryland, as found in the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland passed at the January session of 1868, Chapter 471, and the various amendments thereof and supplements thereto since then passed, do, in witness thereof, make, sign, seal, and acknowledge in the mode prescribed by said general incorporation laws this certificate in writing.

ARTICLE II.

The corporate name of said body corporate shall be "The Woman's College, of Frederick, Maryland."

ARTICLE III.

This corporation is formed for the purposes and objects of creating and maintaining a college for the promotion and advancement of education of woman, and the cultivation and diffusion of literature, science and art.

ARTICLE IV.

The time of the existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE V.

The operations of this corporation shall be carried on in Frederick county, in the State of Maryland, and the principal office of said corporation shall be situated in Frederick City, in Frederick county, Maryland.

ARTICLE VI.

This corporation shall be managed by a Board of five Directors, and that Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Calvin S. Sagle, William H. Lakin and Adrian C. McCardell, of the State of Maryland, and John E. Roller, of the State of Virginia, shall constitute such Board of Directors who shall manage the affairs of the corporation for the first year of its corporate existence, and that their successors shall be appointed from time to time by the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, a body corporate, for such term of service as may be designated by said Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

The said Directors and their successors shall have power to confer and grant by diploma such degrees or marks of distinction for attainments and scholarship, as they may think proper, upon such of the students of the college, as from time to time they may designate, and the said Directors and their successors may from time to time make all such regulations in reference to the granting and conferring such degrees or marks of distinction as they, or a majority of them, may think right

or proper, and the interest of the college may require.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Do we, the parties hereinbefore named as incorporators of this corporation, hereunto set our hands and affix our seals this twelfth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

EDMUND R. ESCHBACH.	[SEAL]
CALVIN S. SAGLE.	[SEAL]
WILLIAM H. LAKIN.	[SEAL]
ADRIAN C. MCCARDELL.	[SEAL]
JOHN E. ROLLER.	[SEAL]

Witness: THAD. M. BISER

STATE OF MARYLAND, *Sct:*
FREDERICK COUNTY,

I hereby certify that on this 12th day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Frederick county, personally appeared Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Calvin S. Sagle, William H. Lakin and Adrian C. McCardell, personally known to me to be the above-named incorporators, and each acknowledged the foregoing certificate in writing, or articles of incorporation, to be their respective act and deed for the purposes as therein set forth.

THAD. M. BISER,
Justice of the Peace.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, }
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, } *Sct:*

I hereby certify that on this fourteenth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Virginia, in and for Rockingham county, personally appeared John E. Roller, personally known to me to be one of the above-named incorporators, and acknowledged the foregoing certificate in writing, or articles of incorporation, to be his act and deed for the purposes as therein set forth.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal this 14th day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

C. H. CHANDLER,
Notary Public.

I, John A. Lynch, a Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, and the Judicial Circuit within which the principal office of the corporation incorporated under the foregoing certificate of incorporation is located, do hereby certify that the foregoing articles of incorporation were submitted to me by the incorporators within named, that I have examined the same, and that the said certificate in writing, or

articles of incorporation have been executed in conformity with the provisions of laws of the State of Maryland in such case made and provided, and the Clerk of this Court is hereby instructed to record the above in the book of record proper and usual for such purposes.

JOHN A. LYNCH,
Judge of the Circuit Court.

January 16, 1897.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1896-1897.

1. The institution was opened Sept. 10, 1896, and its work carried forward without interruption, save that one of the professors (Dr. Apple) was not able during part of the year to meet regularly his classes on account of ill health, but which did not prevent his carrying each class over the course prescribed by the schedule. We are happy to state that at the opening of the present Seminary year, Dr. Apple was so far restored that he expected to meet all his classes regularly.

2. The course in elocution was omitted, because of failure to obtain a teacher. The Faculties of the Seminary and College, assisted by a member of the Board, were requested to join in an effort to secure a Professor in Elocution.

2 (a). The Board felt that the subject of Missions demands more attention than the Faculty is able to give it, without interfering with their duties in other directions. The professors were therefore instructed to supplement the instruction on this subject by a course of lectures on Missions, to be delivered by persons especially interested and engaged in Mission work. Your reverend body is requested to provide a proportionate share of the expense needed for these two objects, as will be seen by the resolutions submitted for your consideration.

3. On Sept. 10, 1896, the following students were admitted to the *Junior Class*: Jno. K. Adams, Elmer L. Coblentz, Chas. E. Correll, Jno. F. Dechant, Chas. H. Faust, Wm. S. Fisher, Albert H. Ginder, Geo. G. Greenawald, Moses A. Kieffer, Wm. G. Klein, Chas. H. Knight, Willoughby H. Millhouse, Wm. A. McClellan, Robt. F. Reed, Henry N. Smith, Sam'l H. Stein, Nevin L. Weidner. Of these, 13 are graduates of F. & M. College; one completed the Sophomore year, one is a graduate of the Moravian College, one was admitted from the Normal University, and one from F. & M. Academy. Total, 17.

4. The *Middle Class* consisted of the students who were

follows: Eastern Synod, \$125; Synod of Potomac, \$100. Pittsburg Synod, \$75.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate \$150 for the purpose of meeting a supplemental course of instruction in Missions, as follows: Eastern Synod, \$60; Synod of Potomac, \$50; Pittsburg Synod, \$40.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 7, 1897.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Enclosed find a synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The regular annual meeting was held on May 13th, 1897, when the following officers were elected: *President*, Geo. N. Forney; *Vice-President*, John D. Skiles; *Secretary*, Jeremiah S. Hess, and *Treasurer*, John B. Roth.

At this meeting, a committee, consisting of Geo. N. Forney, S. N. Hench, J. B. Roth, and Hon. W. R. Barnhart, was appointed to confer with the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College relative to the 4½ acres of land, on which two of the Seminary professors' houses stand. The Building Committee of the DePeyster Library Building had encroached upon the Seminary ground by locating part of the new building thereon. This Board, believing that the time had come when it will be to the interest of both institutions that Franklin and Marshall College be the owner of that part of the grounds now owned by the Theological Seminary, granted authority to the Building Committee to proceed with the work, the consideration thereof to be determined later. This matter is still in the hands of the above-named committee.

Bequests were received from the following persons during the past year, viz.: Fifty (\$50) dollars from the estate of Miss Justina E. Gerhard, of Lancaster, Pa.; five hundred (\$500) dollars from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Dickel, of Harrisburg, Pa., for the endowment fund and three hundred (\$300) dollars from the estate of Mrs. James Hay, of Hummelstown, Pa., towards the Seminary Building Fund.

The Board very gratefully makes record of these bequests and their worthy examples are commended to our people generally, even to those of limited means, who may greatly aid our institutions by providing for their growing needs by means of comparatively small bequests.

The second meeting was held October 5th, 1897. The Executive Committee reported that they had purchased the triangular plot from the Evans estate for \$1,600. By this purchase they straightened our lines on Pine street (lately opened by the city), and secured a lot for the janitor's building, which is now in course of erection, besides selling a portion thereof. The net cost of the ground to the Seminary was \$785.75. The Treasurer also advanced to the Building Committee of Synod \$1,100.00 towards the erection of the janitor's building.

The Seminary Building Committee, through its chairman, Rev. Dr. Bowman, reported that the Seminary building is completed and the entire cost provided for, whereupon the Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. J. C. Bowman, chairman of the Building Committee; to Rev. C. J. Musser, chairman of the Canvass Committee, for their active personal interest, and to all the others, for their earnest co-operation in the work.

In reference to the current expenses of the Theological Seminary, the following action was taken by the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees, in its report of 1894, requested the Synods to provide such an increase in the Endowment Fund that the interest accruing from the same will meet the deficiency annually arising, and,

WHEREAS, The Board has had extraordinary expenses in the necessary purchase of the triangular tract to straighten our lines on Pine street, and in the erection of a janitor's building, therefore,

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to appropriate \$1,200, to meet the annual expenses of the past year, in the following manner:

Eastern Synod	\$600
Potomac Synod	400
Pittsburg Synod	200

In justice to all concerned, your Board heartily approves the action of the Eastern Synod at its meeting in October, 1896, authorizing the Board (the Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods concurring) to purchase two additional lots of ground, the one to be held as a site for the house of the Pittsburgh Synod's professor, and the other lot as a site for the house for the third professor of the Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

HELLERTOWN, PA., October 16th, 1897.



Communion Flagon from Walkersville, Md., and Chalice from Winchester, Va.,
used Doubtless by Rev. Michael Schlatter.

Synopsis of the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary.

Synopsis of the report of John B. Roth, Treasurer, to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Endowment Fund.

Oct.	1. Amount of Endowment Fund reported.....	\$94,418.69
Nov.	3. Received a bequest by will of Miss Justina Elizabeth Gerhard, deceased, Lancaster	50.00
1897.		
Jan.	1. Due from the estate of Mrs. Catharine Dickel, deceased, of Harrisburg	500.00
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		\$94,968.69
	Less an obligation for the sum of.....	250 00
	credited in error to Endowment Fund and intended for Seminary Building Fund.	

1897.		
Oct.	1. Amount of Fund.....	\$94,718.69

Current Expense Fund of Theological Seminary from Oct. 1, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1897.

Dr.

To sundry incomes and interests received during the year	\$5,729 93
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Cr.

By salary accounts and sundry bills paid as per vouchers from Oct. 1, 1896, to Oct. 1, 1897....	\$7,115 74
Balance due Treasurer Oct. 1, 1896.....	3,072 32
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	\$10,188 06
Amount Dr. brought down	5,729 93

1897.		
Oct.	1. Balance due Treasurer	\$4,458 13

Library Fund.

1896.	Principal	\$1,819 96
Oct.	1. For interest received from date to Oct. 1, 1897	\$125 99
	Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1896.....	107 11
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		\$233 10

Cr.

By sundry bills paid	95 83
Balance due Oct. 1, 1897.....	<hr/>
	\$137 27

The Smalts Fund.

Principal	\$5,000.00
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Dr.

Oct.	1. For interest received on same to date.....	\$250.00
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1897.	Cr.		
Apr. 17.	By interest paid to Beneficiary Board, John Hertzler Treasurer	\$125.00	
Sept. 15.	By interest paid to Beneficiary Board, John Hertzler Treasurer	125.00	\$250.00

1897.

The William A. Wilt Fund.

	Principal	\$833.33	
Oct. 1.	For interest received on same to Oct. 1, 1897, and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Expense Account.....		\$41.66

The Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

1897.

Oct.	1. The amount of fund to date in hands of Treasurer of Seminary is.....	\$29,623 19	
	Dr.		
	For sundry interest received on same to Oct. 1, 1897	\$1,651 06	
	Cr.		
	By amount Wm. Rupp, D.D., to Oct. 1, 1897.....	\$1,651 06	

The John Reigel Fund.

	Principal of notes.....	\$15,680 00	
Oct. 1. '97.	By note paid due July 20, 1895.....	\$ 3,920 00	
	" " " " " " 1896.....	3,920 00	
	" " " " " " 1897.....	3,920 00	
		\$11,760 00	
	Note in hands of Treasurer due July 20, 1898	3,920 00	
		\$15,680 00	

All interest received on said Fund is accounted for in the current expense account of Theological Seminary.

Prize Essay Fund in Church History.

	Principal	\$2,000.75	
May 1, 1896.	Balance due same.....	\$17.95	
May 1, 1897.	Interest and balance due Fund to May 1, 1897.....	\$100.00	\$117.95
	Cr.		
	By prize paid per award of committee	\$100.00	
	By expenses	1.00	\$101.00
May 18, 1897.	Balance due Fund		\$16.95

Prize Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

1896.			
May 9.	Amount of Fund.....	\$ 307 12	
	Interest due on same to May 9, 1897.....	\$ 15 35	
	Cr.		
May 8, 1897.	By Prize paid per award of Com....	15 00	35
May 8, 1897.	Received of Prof. W. M. Irvine for principal		103 00
	May 9th, 1897, Amount of Fund.....	\$	410 47

Jacob Forney Library Alcove Fund.

1897.	Principal	\$1,000.00
	Cr.	
Oct.	1. By interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1897	\$150.00

Henry Wirt Library Alcove Fund.

1897.	Principal	\$1,000.00
	Cr.	
Oct.	1. By interest due Fund to Oct. 1, 1897	\$100.00

Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund for Alcove.

Sept	19, 1896 Received for Principal in Seminary Library.....	\$700.00	
	Principal	50.00	\$750.00
	Cr.		
Oct.	1. By interest due same to Oct. 1, 1897..	\$72.50	

Seminary Class of 1894 for Alcove in Library.

1897.			
Oct.	1. (Notes)	\$981.00	
	By cash paid on same.....	\$217.00	

LANCASTER, Oct. 5, 1897.

The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, report, that we have attended to the work assigned us and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
S. N. HENCH,
Committee.

LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1897.

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1896.			
Oct.	3. For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	\$6.00	
Oct.	3. For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer	69.79	\$75.79
Oct.	8. For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer	121.00	
Oct.	8. For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer	50.00	171.00
Dec.	29. For amount received of Potomac Synod Treasurer		6.00
1897.			
Jan.	1. For amount received of John J. Nissley, Treasurer		9.00
May	8. For amount received of Reading Classis.....		20.00
May	11. For amount received of Goshenhoppen Classis	\$8.01	
May	11. For amount received of Goshenhoppen Classis	45.10	\$53.11

May 11.	For amount received of Daniel Shaffner, Treasurer	19.00
May 14.	For amount received of Lancaster Classis	42.35
May 17.	" " " Philadelphia Classis	12.00
May 21.	" " " E. Susq. Classis	41.25
May 27.	" " " Tohickon Classis	47.00
May 27.	" " " Juniata Classis	68.00
June 10.	" " " Schuylkill Classis	1.00
June 10.	" " " Lebanon Classis	33.44
July 1.	" " " Tohickon Classis interest..	16.00
July 5.	" " " Pittsburg Synod \$50.00	
July 21.	" " " Pittsburg Synod 50.00	\$100.00
Aug. 21.	" " " Tohickon Classis	9.00
Sept. 4.	Of C. M. Boush, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod 1892 and 1893, synodical apportionment tied up by failures of bankers and now paid.....	75.00
		<hr/> \$798.94

Transferred and charged to Treasurer in his current expense account to Oct. 1, 1897.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College. .

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The undersigned would respectfully report to your reverend body that the Trustees of Catawba College met the 18th day of May, 1897, according to adjournment, a majority of whom were present, and among whom was the Rev. Dr. Clever, of Baltimore.

According to the report of the Rev. Dr. Clapp, President of the College, there were in attendance at the College one hundred and fifty-five students, in the primary and collegiate classes, during the year; and by hard work and constant labor, the teaching force was enabled to give good satisfaction. The moral and Christian bearing of the school was never better.

The tuition and the interest on the Endowment Fund will barely meet the running expenses of the College, if all can be collected, which is hardly probable.

It will require a part of the Endowment Fund, or rather the interest on the same, donated by your reverend body, to meet the collegiate expenses.

That, according to the report of the Field Secretary, the Rev. J. C. Leonard, he had not been very successful in raising the \$17,000 pledged by your reverend body to Catawba College. Therefore, the undersigned would humbly suggest that the best and most feasible plan, and one that has the sanction of the Church from the earliest ages, is by assessment. Assess each Classis belonging to the Synod the amount it is required to raise, or pay the interest on the same annually. The principle has been recognized by your own body in assessing the Classes to pay its proportionable amount of the thousand dollars that the Synod agreed to pay Catawba College each year until the \$17,000 has been realized.

It is true that the Synod has no legal power to compel the Classes to do so, but it has the moral power.

The College belongs to the Church, and it is the spirit and the law of the Church that her ministry must be educated, and it is the doctrine of the Church to have an educated membership.

We must have money to do it, and to whom else can we go? Tithes were abolished by the Church, in order that Christians might give more, or all they have, if necessary.

By the assessment plan, we might to a great extent dispense with the expenses of a Field Secretary, and then all would know when and how much to give.

In the dawn of the twentieth century, our Church must keep step with the most aggressive in the land, in accomplishing the greatest amount of good.

The following is a list of the Trustees whose time expires in May, 1898, to be filled by your reverend body: L. R. Whitener, Hickory, N. C.; J. F. Smyre, Newton, N. C.; Rev. P. M. Trexler, D.D., Newton, N. C.; P. W. Whitener, Newton, N. C.; Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph.D., Newton, N. C.; William E. Deal, Russell, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. McCORKLE,

President of Trustees of Catawba College.

NEWTON, N. C., Oct. 8th, 1897.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Standing Committee on Education begs leave to report, that the following documents and publications have come into our hands:

Catalogue of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md.

Catalogue of Catawba College, Newton, N. C.

Catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.

Catalogue of Mercersburg College.

Report of the Board of Directors of Woman's College.

Articles of Incorporation of the above-named institution.

Report of the President of Catawba College.

Report of the President of Franklin and Marshall College.

A communication from Rev. A. M. Schmidt, Field Secretary of Franklin and Marshall College.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Synopsis of the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

Report of the Board of Education of the Synod, together with a report of the Treasurer of the same.

Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Committee on the Synod of the Potomac's Professor's House, to the effect that they have attended to the duties of their appointment.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

From these documents and reports, we summarize and present for your earnest consideration the following items, to wit:

It is with great pleasure we note the continued prosperity of the Woman's College. This young institution is winning its way into the confidence of the Church, and securing a very encouraging support in the way of patronage. The noble example of Mrs. Margaret E. Hood, in giving \$20,000 toward the endowment of this deserving child of the Church, appeals most eloquently to other members of our beloved Zion, blessed with large means, to thus perpetuate their memory or that of loved ones, by liberal donations to this or other worthy objects challenging the attention of the Church. The energy and ability of Prof. Apple and his corps of teachers, command the respect and merit the sympathy and support of the Church. In view of the pressing financial needs of the institution, we recommend a reiteration of the action of Synod of one year ago, in the matter of the endowment.

Resolved, Further, That the Directors of the Woman's College be authorized to act in the matter of renting or leasing additional buildings for the accommodation of the increasing number of students, as the necessities of the institution may demand.

We note with pleasure the prosperous year enjoyed by Catawba College, the increasing patronage and efficient work accomplished by the same.

From the various sources in hand, we learn of the great need of a stronger Faculty and fuller equipment to meet the necessities of the times.

Resolved, That we heartily commend Catawba College to the sympathy, patronage and support of our people.

Resolved, That the endowment already inaugurated by the Synod for the enlargement of our educational work in the South, be heartily commended to our pastors and people.

From the catalogue and reports of Franklin and Marshall College we learn of the continued prosperity of this, the oldest literary institution of the Church. The increasing number of students and the larger demands of the times compel the authorities of this institution to appeal to the liberality of the Church for better equipment, especially in the Department of the Sciences.

In reply to the overture of the Field Secretary, relative to this pressing need, we would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the increasing measure of prosperity attending the history of Franklin and Marshall College, and humbly pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon it.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the College to the favorable consideration of parents having sons to educate, as eminently worthy of their consideration, when selecting a college for the education of their boys.

Recognizing the pressing need of a Science building for the more efficient equipment of the College, in her efforts to keep abreast with the times;

Resolved, That we approve of the project suggested by the authorities of said institution in the matter of the Science building.

Resolved, That we particularly commend this project to the favorable consideration and support of members of our Church blessed with large means, and that the Field Secretary be authorized to visit the Classes and charges in the interest of this enterprise.

The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary conveys to us the gratifying information that the Seminary is in a flourishing condition, with the largest enrollment of students in her history; that the deportment of the students generally is such as becomes candidates for the holy ministry. The Board of Trustees requests this Synod to again assume \$400 to make up the deficit in the current expenses of the Seminary.

The Synod rejoices in the continued prosperity of the Seminary, and pledges in her behalf our sympathy, our prayers and help.

Resolved, That the Synod accepts the sum of \$400 towards meeting the annual deficit in current expenses, and apportion the same on the respective Classes.

From the Board of Visitors of the Seminary we note the following:

Your favorable consideration of the following resolutions is respectfully asked, to wit:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board overture the three Synods to raise for the Professor on Elocution \$300 as

follows: Eastern Synod \$125, Synod of the Potomac \$100, Pittsburgh Synod \$75.

Resolved, That the Synods be requested to appropriate \$150 for the purpose of meeting a supplemental course of instruction in Missions, as follows: Eastern Synod \$60, Synod of the Potomac \$50, Pittsburgh Synod \$40."

Resolved, That this Synod accedes to the overture of the Board of Visitors of the Seminary, and refers the respective sums for apportionment on the different Classes.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

From the report of the Board of Education, we learn that six young men have completed their literary and theological course. During the past year, 28 young men have been aided to the amount of \$3,380.80. For the ensuing year, the same number are enrolled.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

From the report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College and the statement of President Irvine, we learn that this high-grade academy for boys is steadily advancing in influence and efficiency.

The phenomenal growth and position of this school among others endeavoring to do the same grade of work, eloquently proclaim the fact that Dr. Irvine, his Faculty, and the Board of Regents merit the hearty support and co-operation of the Synod in advancing to a still higher position the standard of this school. We recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Synod heartily endorses the work of Christian education as conducted in Mercersburg College, and pledges the authorities of the same our unqualified sympathy and support in their efforts to establish on this historic spot a preparatory school of the very highest grade.

We are happy to report that the various educational institutions of our Church are in a flourishing condition; but the necessities of the times imperatively demand more liberal financial support, of which they are all worthy.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PEIGHTEL, *Chairman*.

Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., M. O. Noll, A. S. Weber, H. M. J. Klein and I. M. Motter were appointed the committee to aid President J. H. Apple in securing the contemplated endowment.

The Standing Committee, under item 1 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the Seminary Endowment Fund.

The Committee to Invest and Audit the Seminary En-

dowment Fund of Synod present the following report, to wit:

The committee met in Hanover, Pa., on the 27th day of September, 1897, and audited the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod. They found bonds, notes, and mortgages, in their judgment prudently invested, amounting to \$33,700. Also, a Seminary Fellowship bond of \$1,000; with accrued interest thereon, \$494; total Fellowship Fund, \$1,494.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY,
J. N. SLAGLE.

The committee, under item 6 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, reported progress and was again continued.

The action of the Synod last year, which through an oversight does not appear in the minutes as printed, was renewed, stipulating that the Synod agrees to aid Catawba College to the extent of one thousand dollars by apportionment annually, for a period of five years, and that meanwhile in proportion as the seventeen thousand dollars endowment is secured, to any considerable amount, the Synod is to be released from a pro rata portion of the sum thus promised for the immediate relief of the institution.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Monday afternoon, Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins were elected members of the Board of Education, for the term of three years; Elders S. Hoeflich, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., and Rev. I. N. Peightel, were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, for the period of three years; Rev. C. S. Slagle was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., for the term of five years; and Elder G. N. Forney was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, for the term of ten years.

The following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: L. R. Whitener, J. F. Smyre, P. W. Whitener, M. J. Rowe, W. E. Deal, and W. A. Pence.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F.

Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins, for three years; Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller, and A. S. Weber, for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and G. B. Resser, for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Elders S. Hoefflich, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., Rev. I. N. Peightel, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner, for two years; and Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, J. B. Shontz, and Elder A. R. Schnebly, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: Rev. C. S. Slagle, for five years; Elder W. H. Lakin, for four years; Elder A. C. McCardell, for three years; Elder J. E. Roller, for two years; and Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. E. R. Eschbach, and J. O. Miller, for three years; and Revs. J. S. Kieffer, and C. Clever, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elders Israel Laucks, and S. Nevin Hench, for five years; Elders George N. Forney, and Edgar Slagle, for three years; and Elders H. Wirt Shriver, and Jacob H. Cost, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The annual report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, and the report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: In looking over the past year, we must make grateful acknowledgment of the grace of God bestowed on all the churches under our care, showing itself in numerical growth and in spiritual gain.

Until lately, nearly all our missions in the East have been regularly served, but at present we must report several vacancies. The Hungarian Missions at Mt. Carmel, Pa., and Trenton, N. J., the Missions at Harrisonburg, Va., Roanoke, Va., and Allentown, Pa., are all without pastors.

As usual, the report of Treasurer, John J. Nissley, which is herewith given, will greatly help you to understand the work of the year. It shows that the amount of money received from

these two Synods for missions during the past year is larger than that of the former year by over \$3,200. The increase came as follows: From the Eastern Synod, on apportionment, nearly \$500; from the Synod of the Potomac, on apportionment, over \$2,300; from miscellaneous sources, nearly \$400. The special offerings of our loyal people, in answer to the loud call of the General Board last Easter, were large, and they greatly helped to relieve the treasury; but notwithstanding this large help, so heartily given and so much appreciated, the treasury of the General Board still has a deficit of over \$10,000. The special effort at Easter was followed by a natural reaction, and the income of the summer months has been small, so that we are again in danger of a financial embarrassment which may work hardship to our faithful missionaries and their people.

This is our only drawback. All else is encouraging; and even this cloud, we trust, will soon pass away. Several promising missions in the East should be enrolled; but for the present the Board is unable to do so.

The Board continues to hold quarterly meetings for the oversight of the work committed to it, and its recommendations to the General Board are nearly all approved. Thus the items of business presented from time to time are well considered before final action is taken.

Three legacies have been received during the year, as follows: From the estate of Charles Hottenstein, of Northumberland county, Pa., \$185, the interest of which is to be used for missions; from the estate of Miss Susan M. Pontius, of Mifflinburg, Pa., \$3,000, partial payment of a Church-building Fund; and from the estate of Miss Sarah Johnson, of York, Pa., \$5,888.25. Of this last legacy the Board has gratefully set apart \$1,000 to be known as the Sarah and Elizabeth Johnson Church-building Fund, and \$1,000 to be known as the Rev. and Mrs. John Cares Church-building Fund. The balance will be held as an ordinary investment.

One very important thing which we beg you to bring to the attention of our people again during the present Sesqui-Centennial period, is the raising of the Schlatter Memorial Fund of \$100,000 for the building of churches for our missions in large cities. We trust that the Synods will, by suitable action, again commend this work to our people, and that consistories will cheerfully assist in making it a success.

This brief outline of the work of the year can give but a faint idea of the many agencies and sympathies and prayers and toils involved therein. All this we humbly commit to our blessed Lord, whose we are and whom we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*

E. N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer of Missions.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

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I.—For Missions.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis	\$1,048	78	
Tohickon Classis	839	36	
Goshenhoppen Classis	1,485	49	
East Pennsylvania Classis	924	00	
Lebanon Classis	1,456	08	
Lancaster Classis	1,071	85	
Schuylkill Classis	998	48	
East Susquehanna Classis	853	65	
West Susquehanna Classis	1,040	45	
Lehigh Classis	841	10	
Wyoming Classis	524	00	
Reading Classis	1,571	75	\$13,554 99

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Maryland Classis	\$2,611	18	
Mercersburg Classis	1,371	60	
Juniata Classis	1,826	51	
Carlisle Classis	866	56	
Zion's Classis	478	62	
Gettysburg Classis	275	00	
Virginia Classis	300	00	
North Carolina Classis	140	48	\$ 7,869 95

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Theological Students, Lancaster, Pa.	\$	21	66
Mrs. Adalaid F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.		20	00
Infant Department Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa..		3	34
B. Schmitt, Woostock, Va.		50	00
Misses A. and L. Stucker, Harrisburg, Pa.		6	00
C. C. Line, Marquette, Neb.		2	00
Sunday-school, Hill church, Lebanon Co., Pa.		4	80
Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Supt. special offerings.	1,440	31	
Love Circle, King's Daughters, 3d Ch., Baltimore		10	00
G. H. O. Delph, Reading, Pa.		10	00
Rev. Rufus W. Miller.		15	00
Miss M. A. Myers, Clintondale, Pa.		3	18
St. Paul's Church, Ridgely, Md.		24	34
Emmanuel's Sunday-school, Hanover, Pa.		82	62
Reformed Church at Lovettsville, Va.		11	75
Daniel Schaffner, Tr. Eastern Synod. Interest			
Gerhart Fund		9	68
St. Paul's Reformed S. S., Fort Washington, Pa..		10	00
Church and S. S., Shepherdstown, W. Va.		10	00
Church and S. S., Hummelstown, Pa.		15	00
W. M. S. Eastern Synod, bequest of Mrs. Sarah			
J. Houtz		75	00
Blank, per Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Supt.	100	00	
Elder E. H. Burkholder, Farmersville, Lancaster		25	00
Class No. 3 S. S., Fort Washington, Pa.		4	35
Busy Bee Mission Band, Church of Ascension,			
Norristown, Pa.		20	00

S. S. Christ church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	35 00	
W. M. S. of Eastern Synod.....	950 00	2,959 03
		<u>\$24,383 97</u>

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Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board..	\$24,383 97
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NOTE:—It is due to the Synods to add that soon after the report was audited I received in addition to the above from the Eastern Synod, about \$2,500, and from the Synod of the Patomac about \$625.
J. J. N.

II. Designated Moneys.

Schuylkill Classis for Rev T. J. Bower.....	100 00	
C. E. Soc., Hummelstown, Pa., for 4th church, Harrisburg, Pa.	10 00	
Schuylkill Classis for W. H. Herbert.....	76 00	
W. M. S., Lebanon Classis, Rev. H. W. Bright..	12 00	
Mrs. Sarah J. Houtz for Michael Schlatter Fund.	5 00	
Emanuel's S. S., Hazleton, for Salisbury, N. C...	5 00	
East Penna. Classis for Stroudsburg, Pa.....	458 32	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. McNairy.....	83 33	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Holshouser.....	75 00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Lyerly.....	25 00	
North Carolina Classis for Rev. Murphy.....	10 00	
W. M. S., Phila. Classis, for Tioga Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	25 00	
W. M. S., Phila. Classis., for Calvary Mission Philadelphia, Pa.	25 00	
W. M. S., Phila. Classis, for Messiah Mission, Philadelphia, Pa.	20 00	
Pleasantville, Pa., for Messiah Mission, Phila., Pa.	20 00	
East Vincent for Messiah Mission, Phila., Pa....	10 00	
Reading Classis for Rev. F. B. Hahn.....	25 00	
" " " Rev. E. B. Lyttle.....	25 00	
" " " Rev. T. R. Dietz	25 00	
" " " Rev. H. Y. Stoner.....	40 63	
" " " Faith Mission, Reading.....	300 00	
Lebanon Classis for Avon Mission	120 00	\$ 1,495 28
Schuylkill Classis for Chicago mission.....	15 35	
Reading Classis for Chicago mission.....	31 00	
West Susquehanna Classis for Chicago mission...	18 00	
Lebanon Classis for Chicago mission.....	5 00	
Philadelphia Classis for Chicago mission.....	8 08	
W. M. S. Watsontown, Pa., for Chicago mission.	5 00	
Zwingli C. E. Soc. Trinity Ch., Pottsville, Pa., for Chicago mission	10 00	
Ref'd. Church, Fort Washington, Pa., for Chicago mission	5 00	
Ref'd. Ch., Shamokin, Pa., for Chicago mission	25 10	
Ref'd. Salem, Harrisb'g, Pa., for Chicago mission	15 00	
Synod of the Potomac for Chicago mission.....	28 00	
Trinity Church, Allentown, Pa., for Chicago mission	5 00	
1897.		
Sept. 23. Balance due the Treasurer.....	8 08	<u>178 61</u>

C. M. Boush, Treasurer, interest on loan South Norwalk, Conn.....	37 50	
Traveling expenses of the Board, postage and stationery	96 02	
Salaries of the Secretary and Treasurer.....	150 00	
1897.		
Sept. 23. Balance in the treasury.....	430 63	\$1,153 10

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 23d, 1897.

The foregoing account was audited and found correct as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,

J. A. HOFFHEINS.

LANCASTER, PA., Sept. 29th, 1897.

Secretary's Report, Board of Foreign Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting to your reverend body our annual statement of the progress and condition of our Foreign Mission work, we would be remiss did we fail, first of all to record with thankful hearts, the gracious care and blessing vouchsafed us by a favoring Providence.

The past year records a history of exceptional embarrassments and difficulties in the work of Christian Missions. With the field never before so inviting for aggressive movements, and the door of opportunity never so widely thrown open, a forward movement has been held in arrest by a growing shortage of means. This is true of both the Home and Foreign work. So distressing has the hindrance proved, as not only to forbid advance movement, but even to threaten the necessity of abandoning advantages already gained. This evil has been widely felt among the Churches, nor has our own entirely escaped. This is true especially of our Home work, as we all sadly know. It is therefore with profound gratitude to God that our Foreign Board is able to say that it finds itself, in large part, a surprising exception to this wide-spread experience. A few months ago the outlook for it was unpromising. But the good Spirit of God moved upon the hearts of our people, so that our work is going uninterruptedly forward. This, of course, does not imply that we have made any advance in the accumulation of means for the planting of a new Mission in China. Provision for that yet remains to be made.

The progress of evangelization in Japan has not been, for the last few years, as marked as we could desire. The people are absorbed in their political affairs. Their victory over China has served to inflame them with a spirit of ambition and ultra-nationality, and they are disinclined to give heed to the interests of religion. Many who have professed Christianity are led astray, and not a few have fallen away. This will ac-

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count for the fact that, although accessions by baptism are quite encouraging, the number of active church members shows but little increase.

One of the material causes of this evil is the want of a sufficient number of really efficient native evangelists. While our Tohoku Gakuin is yearly sending out good young men, many besides have to be employed who fail in efficiency. To dismiss these last, would be to close some preaching stations. Hence they are retained until better men can be secured. This serves in a telling manner, to emphasize the importance of our Training School.

With the expansion of our work, another want is making itself more keenly felt. These Japanese evangelists are mostly young men, but recently converted from heathenism. They are comparatively "babes in Christ," and it is not strange that they need, in their fields, the oversight of our missionaries. They should be frequently visited by our American Christians. This our missionaries do, even beyond their strength. Only two of them, however, devote their full time to evangelistic work, viz: Revs. Dr. Moore and Miller. The rest of them are engaged in teaching in the school. But what are two men in a territory 700 miles long by 200 wide? This branch of our work will need to be reinforced in the near future. The arrangement by which it was expected to locate our missionaries at different points in our extended field, has been but partially effected. Rev. Dr. Moore has removed to Tokyo, and is doing an admirable work there. Rev. H. K. Miller still remains in Sendai, pushing forward his Miyamachi work, at which point he is erecting a Chapel; and having been appointed Principal of the Evangelistic Work, will travel widely in the northern part of our field, giving special attention to Yamagata. Rev. S. S. Snyder having been appointed Treasurer of the Industrial Home, cannot as yet be spared from Sendai.

Our two Schools are in a prosperous condition. During the last year there were 147 students in the Tohoku Gakuin, of whom 58 are Christians, and 21 of them theological students, of whom eight graduated. Eleven students were baptized during the year. Nearly all of the non-Christians, are new students. The Girls' School had 57 scholars last year, and is going prosperously forward. During a recent violent earthquake, two of the younger scholars were seriously injured, but are now about recovered.

During the year, two additional missionaries have been sent to the field: Mr. Paul L. Gerhard and Miss Lillie M. Rohrbaugh. Mr. Gerhard is unordained, and takes the chair of English Language and Literature in the Tohoku Gakuin. This chair was established to relieve the teachers of other branches, and to afford them more time for the study of the

Japanese language. Miss Rohrbaugh goes into the Girls' School as an additional teacher, as it is found that the labors of the other two ladies were too great. The Board was enabled to send her out by the W. M. S. G. S. assuming the cost, as also her support.

As already intimated, the finances of the Board are at the present time in a fairly comfortable condition. We have but little or no embarrassing indebtedness. This condition, however, can be maintained only by a full payment of the apportionment named by General Synod. Our work is increasing every year, and so, of course, are our expenses. Of the \$35,000 apportioned by General Synod, \$30,000 are estimated for the Japan work, and \$5,000 for a new Mission in China. For the Japan work we will need that sum. We would, therefore, most respectfully ask your reverend body to take such action as will assure for us your Synod's share of the full sum. You will please notice that \$30,000 for a membership of over 225,000 is exceedingly small. Should the Church furnish the Board with the additional \$5,000, it will hasten to take steps to plant the new Mission.

By order of the Board.

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary*.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., Aug. 30, 1897.

Report of the Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to present its report, as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The documents which have come into our hands are, the annual report of Treasurer Nissley, the annual report of the Bi-Synodic Board, a copy of the "Woman's Journal, an appeal from the Executive Committee of General Synod's Home Mission Board for a proper share of relief from this Synod in its present pressing financial embarrassment, and the annual statement of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Inasmuch as the first two of these papers will be published in full in the minutes of Synod, we here simply refer to the fact, that of the amount apportioned by your reverend body for Home Missions last year, \$1,205.05 remain unpaid by our Classes at this time. Although it is to be hoped that in due time the full amount will be paid, your committee would yet suggest the following action touching this point:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac earnestly requests all its Classes to insist upon the full and prompt payment by their charges of the apportionments laid upon them for Home Missions, and to recommend to them that this be done, as a rule, in quarterly installments, payable in advance.

Concerning the "Woman's Journal," we propose the following action:

Resolved, That the "Woman's Journal," published by the Woman's Missionary Society of the General Synod, at Martinsburg, W. V., is earnestly commended by this Synod, through its Classes, to the women within their bounds, as a most helpful means of developing the spirit of missions among them, and, therefore, worthy of their patronage and support.

Although no reference is made in any of the papers referred to us to "Reformed Church Tidings," the monthly publication issued jointly by the General Synod's Home and Foreign Missions and Sunday-school Boards, we deem it proper to recommend the following action by the Synod, touching that periodical:

Resolved, That "Reformed Church Tidings" is anew commended to the attention of our Classes, and that they are hereby instructed to urge all their pastors to put forth earnest efforts to have it introduced into every family of their congregations.

In relation to the "Schlatter Memorial Building Fund" of \$100,000, which the General Synod has ordered to be raised during the present Sesqui-Centennial period, we propose the following action:

Resolved, That the Classes of this Synod are requested to call the attention of all their pastors and charges to the importance of this Fund.

With reference to the aid asked for from this Synod for the immediate relief of the financial straits in which the General Synod's Board of Home Missions finds itself, we suggest the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod appoints the last two Lord's Days in November, and the first two Sundays in December, of the present year, as the time when all its pastors shall receive offerings from each one of their congregations for this special object.

The annual statement of our Foreign Mission Board, which will appear in full in the printed minutes of the present sessions of Synod, refers in grateful terms to the fact that the work committed to its hands is going uninterruptedly forward, although on account of exceptional embarrassments and difficulties of a national character, the progress achieved during the last year is not as great as could have been desired. The finances of the Board at this time are reported as being in a fairly encouraging condition, which, however, can only be maintained by the full payment of the apportionments for that object named by the General Synod. Your committee, therefore, recommends the following action concerning our work in Japan:

Resolved, That this Synod most earnestly requests each one of its Classes to assume the whole amount apportioned upon it for Foreign Missions, and to urge all their charges to pay their Classical apportionments for this object, in full.

Resolved, That the cause of Foreign Missions be anew commended to the sympathies, prayers and liberal support of all our Classes and congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman*.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE: Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick, for four years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheims, for three years; Rev. C. A. Santee, for two years; and Revs. C. Clever and J. O. Miller, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

EDGAR SLAGLE, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac, from Oct. 10th, 1896, to January 1st, 1897.

RECEIVED.

From Maryland Classis for Calvin College	\$8 00	
" " " Hungarian Missions	28 88	
" " " Theo. Seminary	6 00	
" " " Chicago Mission Church..	3 00	
" " " Church Building.....	35 00	
" " " Harbor Missions	7 00	\$87 88
Balance in Treasury Oct. 10th, 1897.....		1,589 51
		<u>\$1,677 39</u>

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EXPENDITURES.

Oct. 16. By cash paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expense to N. Carolina, as commissioner to Catawba College	\$ 25 00
Oct. 16. By cash paid Rev. J. O. Miller for do. do.	21 50
Oct. 16. By cash paid Elder John E. Roller do. do.	25 35
Oct. 17. By cash paid Dern & Pitcairn, printing tickets.....	1 50
Oct. 30. By cash paid Rev. Lewis Robb, incidental expense of Synod at Altoona	25 00
Nov. 7. By cash paid Prof. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for relief of Catawba College	250 00
Dec. 12. By cash paid Rev. W. I. Stewart, expense as Cor-	

	responding Secretary of Synod.....	2 60
Dec. 22. By	cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, interest on Stoudenour Legacy	12 00
Dec. 22. By	cash paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, expense on Minutes of Synod	10 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, Hungarian Missions	28 88
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, Church Building	35 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, Harbor Missions	7 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, Chicago Mission Church	3 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Calvin College..	8 00
Dec. 28. By	cash paid John B. Roth, Treas. for Theo. Sem..	6 00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1,216 56

 \$1,677 39

Respectfully submitted,
EDGAR SLAGLE, *Treasurer.*

GEORGE N. FORNEY, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac, from January 1st, 1897, to October 19th, 1897.

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To amounts received as follows:

Jan. 1. To balance received from former Treasurer..... \$1,216 56

FROM ZION'S CLASSIS.

For	Theological Seminary	\$15 21	
"	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	37 60	
"	Calvin College	9 22	
"	Church Building Fund.....	8 91	\$70 94

FROM MARYLAND CLASSIS.

For	Chicago Mission Church.....	\$30 00	
"	Hungarian Missions	95 00	
"	Calvin College	55 00	
"	Church Building Fund.....	142 00	
"	Harbor Missions	28 50	
"	Theological Seminary.....	67 82	
"	Catawba College	57 00	
"	Work amongst the Germans	51 00	\$526 32

FROM MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

For	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$52 00	
"	Calvin College	29 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	34 00	\$115 00

FROM VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

For	Harbor Missions	\$10 00	
"	Theological Seminary	20 00	
"	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	33 00	
"	Calvin College	21 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	20 00	\$104 00

FROM NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

For	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$42 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	25 00	
"	Catawba College	28 37	\$95 37

FROM GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

For	Contingent Fund of Synod	\$80 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	56 00	
"	Theological Seminary	69 00	\$205 00

FROM CARLISLE CLASSIS.

For	Theological Seminary	\$22 38	
"	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	36 00	
"	Chicago Missions.....	4 50	\$62 88

FROM JUNIATA CLASSIS.

For	Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$78 00	
"	Catawba College	173 00	
"	Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	57 00	\$308 00

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Feb. 2.	By cash paid Publication Board for printing 3,000 copies Minutes of Synod, 1896.....	\$150 00	
Feb. 2.	By cash paid Stated Clerk, postage on Minutes of Synod	5 00	
Mar. 2.	By cash paid expenses of B'rd of Trustees of Synod	3 70	
May 15.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. Groh, for interest due on the Brechbill Legacy to April 1st, 1897.....	12 00	
May 18.	By cash paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, traveling expenses attending meeting of Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa.....	3 24	
May 23.	By cash paid Elder C. G. Gross, Treas., for ½ of assessment for contingent exps. of General Synod	350 00	
May 26.	By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, exps. attending meeting Board of Visitors Theo. Sem., Lancaster..	2 66	
May 26.	By cash paid Rev. C. Clever, exps. attending meeting of Board of Trustees, Catawba College....	14 50	
May 26.	By cash paid Rev. Eschbach, exps. attending meeting of Board of Visitors Theo. Sem., Lancaster....	3 00	
July 26.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik for Calvin College	63 22	
July 26.	By cash paid Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk	100 00	
Oct. 6.	By cash paid Rev. J. D. Miller, traveling expenses of the Board of Education.....	10 23	
Oct. 8.	By cash paid Rev. J. A. Foil for Catawba College..	28 37	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Elder J. J. Nissley, Treas., as follows:		
	For Chicago Missions	34 50	
	" Hungarian Missions	95 00	
	" Church Building.....	150 91	
	" Harbor Missions	38 50	
	" Work amongst the Germans	51 00	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Rev. J. A. Foil, for Catawba College..	230 00	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Treasurer for Calvin College	51 00	
Oct. 13.	By cash paid Elder John B. Roth, Treas., for current expenses of Theological Seminary.....	125 41	
Oct. 19.	By cash paid Geo. N. Forney, salary as Treasurer..	100 00	
Oct. 19.	By balance on hand.....	1,081 83	

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Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday evening, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the reports of the Treasurers, with accompanying vouchers, and found them correct.

The amounts referred to us for apportionment are as follows: Home Missions, \$9,700.00; Foreign Missions, \$5,100.00; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$840.00; Work among the Germans, \$840.00; Beneficiary Education, \$4,200.00; Theological Seminary, \$550.00; Calvin College, \$300.00; Catawba College, \$1,000.00; Harbor Missions, \$140.00; Contingent Fund of Synod, \$400.00; and Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$350.00.

These several amounts have been apportioned as follows:

Home Missions:—Maryland Classis, \$2,550.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$1,500.00; Juniata Classis, \$1,500.00; Zion's Classis, \$1,300.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$1,000.00; Carlisle Classis, \$675.00; Virginia Classis, \$675.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$500.00. Making \$9,700.00.

Foreign Missions:—Maryland Classis, \$1,385.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$780.00; Juniata Classis, \$765.00; Zion's Classis, \$650.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$500.00; North Carolina Classis, \$400.00; Carlisle Classis, \$370.00; and Virginia Classis, \$350.00. Total, \$5,100.00.

Hungarian and Bohemian Missions:—Maryland Classis, \$210.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$125.00; Juniata Classis, \$125.00; Zion's Classis, \$100.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$100.00; North Carolina Classis, \$60.00; Carlisle Classis, \$60.00; and Virginia Classis, \$60.00. Total, \$840.00.

Work among the Germans:—Maryland Classis, \$250.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$140.00; Juniata Classis, \$140.00; Zion's Classis, \$130.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$90.00; Carlisle Classis, \$50.00, and Virginia Classis \$40.00. Total, \$840.00.

Beneficiary Education:—Maryland Classis, \$976.00; Juniata Classis, \$725.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$600.00; Zion's Classis, \$499.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$450.00; Carlisle Classis, \$350.00; Virginia Classis, \$300.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$300.00. Total, \$4,200.00.

Theological Seminary:—Maryland Classis, \$131.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$86.00; Juniata Classis, \$96.00; Zion's Classis, \$72.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$52.00; North Carolina Classis, \$40.00; Carlisle Classis, \$37.00; and Virginia Classis. \$37.00. Total, \$550.00.

Calvin College.—Maryland Classis, \$74.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$46.00; Juniata Classis, \$45.00; Zion's Classis, \$38.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$29.00; North Carolina Classis, \$25.00; Carlisle Classis, \$22.00; and Virginia Classis, \$21.00. Total, \$300.00.

Catawba College.—Maryland Classis, \$275.00; Juniata Classis, \$173.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$170.00; Zion's Classis, \$140.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$100.00; North Carolina Classis, \$98.00; Virginia Classis, \$76.00; and Carlisle Classis, 68.00. Total, \$1,100.00.

Harbor Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$40.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$25.00; Juniata Classis, \$25.00; Zion's Classis, \$20.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$20.00; Carlisle Classis, \$10.00; and Virginia Classis, \$10.00. Total, \$150.00.

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Maryland Classis, \$102.00; Juniata Classis, \$62.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$60.00; Zion's Classis, \$52.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$36.00; North Carolina Classis, \$35.00; Carlisle Classis, \$27.00; and Virginia Classis, \$26.00. Total, \$400.00.

Contingent Fund of General Synod, (second half apportioned).—Maryland Classis, \$92.00; Juniata Classis, \$57.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$56.00; Zion's Classis, \$46.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$34.00; North Carolina Classis, \$25.00; Virginia Classis, \$20.00; Carlisle Classis, \$20.00. Total, \$350.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod.—Maryland Classis, \$133.00. (new); Carlisle Classis, \$72.73 (old); Zion's Classis, \$10.03 (old) and \$32.40 (new)=~~\$42.43~~; Virginia Classis, \$2.00 (new). Total, \$250.16.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Maryland Classis, \$92.00 (new); Zion's Classis, \$46.00 (new); and Carlisle Classis, \$12.29 (old) and \$20.00 (new)=~~\$32.29~~. Total, \$170.29.

Chicago Mission Church.—Zion's Classis, \$138.00; and Maryland Classis, \$67.60. Total, \$205.60.

NOTE.—In 1877, the Synod directed the apportionments for Contingent Fund to be paid before August 1st following their apportionment by the Classes; and in case of non-payment by that time, instructed the Treasurer to charge interest on all amounts not paid.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees begs leave to present to your venerable body the following as its annual report:

The Board held a meeting at the residence of Elder Edgar Slagle, Hanover, Pa., March 2, 1897, at which all the members were present.

The officers of the Board were re-elected, viz: Elder Jacob N. Slagle, President, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Vice-President and Secretary.

The special business before the Board was the question of the bonding of the newly elected Treasurer of Synod, Elder Geo. N. Forney.

After a full discussion of the subject, the Board was unanimous in the opinion that the old plan of bonding, with private individuals as securities, should be abandoned and a bond be secured from a trust company, and also, that, as a bond of \$35,000—the amount fixed by Synod—would involve heavy expense, and one for a smaller amount would afford ample security, the amount should be reduced. The following action was therefore taken, viz:

Resolved, That the Treasurer, Geo. N. Forney, be, and is hereby authorized and instructed to procure from some reliable trust company, on the best terms possible, a bond for \$10,000, extending to Jan. 1st, 1898, and pay the cost of the same out of the treasury; and that this action be reported to Synod at its next annual meeting for ratification.

Your reverend body is therefore hereby respectfully over-tured to ratify the above action, and to direct your Board as to the future.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*.

The action of the Board reducing the bond of the Treasurer to ten thousand dollars for the present year, was confirmed, with the express understanding that the original amount of bond, \$35,000.00, be hereafter required, the expense of securing the bond to be paid out of the Contingent Fund of the Synod.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Jacob H. Shriver was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, for the term of five years from January 1st, 1898.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder Jacob H. Shriver, for five years; Elder George N. Forney, for four years; Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, for three

years; Rev. F. F. Bahner, for two years; and Elder Edgar Slagle, for one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE VII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received, amended and adopted, as follows:

Report of the Sunday-school Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools, having received and examined the report of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, the report of the Joint Publishing Committee of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Sunday-school Work, and the Sunday-school statistics of the several Classes of our Synod, referred to us, begs leave to offer the following for your consideration and adoption:

We note with pleasure the fact, that the blessing and favor of the Great Head of the Church has so richly rested upon this particular and important work of the Church; for certainly, no work can be more important than the proper organization, equipment and conduct of the Sunday-school. And that there is great room and need for improvement in all these directions, no one who is familiar with present facts, will deny. Therefore, we commend the work of the General Synod's Secretary and Board, and bespeak for them the hearty coöperation of the several Classes, pastoral charges, congregations and Sunday-schools of the Synod, in the hope that the work so auspiciously begun, may be still further perfected.

In view of all the facts evident from these several reports, we recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That we urge all our people loyally to support the missionary and publication work of the Sunday-school Board.

Resolved, That we ask pastors and consistories, through

the Classes, to exercise a careful oversight over the records of the schools, and so far as possible, present complete and accurate statistics to the Classes.

Resolved, That, in view of the urgent calls for Sunday-school literature and Sunday-school missionaries from many sections of the Church, the Classes, congregations and schools be requested to give all the offerings of Children's Day to Sunday-school missions.

Resolved, That all our Sunday-schools be urged to use the Sunday-school literature of our Church, and to adopt the educational feature of the Board's work for teacher-training, home department, and benevolence.

Resolved, That the Sunday-school Board be overtured to give us the lowest price literature consistent with merit and proper typographical appearance.

Resolved, That the Sunday-school Committee of each Classis be directed to encourage and stimulate, through the pastors and consistories, the several schools to missionary giving, and the observance of Children's Day, Christmas and Easter.

Respectfully submitted,

MILES O. NOLL, *Chairman*.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	MEMBERSHIP.					RELATION TO CHURCH.		EDUCATION.		CONTRIBUTIONS.								
	Number of Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average attendance.	No. of months School open.	If Union School, estimated Reformed enrollment.	Scholars in full membership of the Church.	Baptized Scholars.	Scholars received during the year into full membership.	Is the Catechism used in the S.S.? Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per year (not lesson papers)	No. of books in library.	To Sunday-school Work of General Board.	To other Church Boards and Institutions.	To other benevolent objects.	To support of the schools.	
Zion's	44	543	4903	5446	89	12	1509	472	189	137	3	11	250	1148	\$ 45	\$ 329	\$ 647	\$1678
Maryland ..	59	1101	7604	8705	96	11	135	1533	2258	106	24	46	1517	7889	146	904	510	2961
Merc'ab'g ..	22	364	2353	2717	89	12	23	620	335	111	16	17	513	2117	79	406	36	1065
Vir'nia ..	28	293	1801	2094														
N. Carol'a ..	35	327	2462	2789	48	10	354	891	548	67	6	19	293	375	32	117	39	319
Gettysb'g ..	28	404	2399	3363	63	11	760	704	1659	89	7	13	70	2148	309	309	198	827
Carlisle ...	20	261	1526	2197	62	12		663	489	119	16	16	545	801	13	186	107	690
Juniata ...	49	710	3422	4801				1420	1671	310				136	423	346	1408	
Total	286	4069	29451	31311			4808	6303	8299	908	72	122	3198	14478	\$760	\$2679	\$1773	\$3668

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 14 of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had three thousand instead of twenty-five hundred copies of the "Acts and Proceedings" of the Twenty-fourth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board, of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$150.00, or at the rate of five cents per copy. Although five hundred copies more than the previous year were printed, the cost was \$37.00 less, and the work was done to greater satisfaction. The bill was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, 1897.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

BRETHREN: The period embraced in this report covers the initial year of your Board in its management of the publication interests for your sole account and benefit. Starting without debt and unembarassed with accumulations of old stock and doubtful assets, it is gratifying to be able to report that the year's business finds the house in this same enviable condition.

As stated in the last report, the Board ceded to the Sunday-school Board the right to publish all literature pertaining to the Sunday-schools, the consideration being an annual royalty of seven hundred and fifty dollars, besides the payment of one-half the salary of the business manager, one-half the rent and other expenses jointly incurred. These amount annually to about two thousand dollars for each party. During the past year another contract was made with the Sunday-school Board, whereby your Board transferred to it the right to publish and sell Sunday-school hymn-books, supplies and literature not included in the first contract, reserving, however, to your Board, the Catechisms. In consideration of this later grant, you are to receive the annual sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for five years. The amount thus accruing annually from

both contracts is one thousand dollars for five years and thereafter, continuously, the annual sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars. But as these contracts were not closed until some months after the beginning of our fiscal year, the payments that fell due up to June 30, 1897, amounted to three hundred and seventy-five dollars, which were promptly paid and are included in the item of cash receipts. It is proposed in the future to have the royalties paid to the treasurer, and by him remitted to the business manager, should the business require them.

The receipts and expenditures as reported by the manager from July 1, 1896, to June 30, 1897, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.			
From <i>Messenger</i>	\$7,898.68		
" <i>Review</i>	430.52		
" Book Department	7,938.91		
" J. T. Reber, Treasurer.....	4,200.00	\$20,468.11	
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EXPENDITURES.			
For <i>Messenger</i> , including salaries	\$8,192.02		
" <i>Review</i> , including salaries	477.33		
" Book Stores (purchases)	7,715.90		
" Rent, salaries and expenses	2,411.50		
" Board meetings	102.75	\$18,899.50	
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Cash balance on hand \$1,568.61

The inventory of assets and liabilities as made by the Board from statements of June 30, 1897, furnished by the manager, is as follows:

ASSETS.			
Cash on hand	\$1,568.61		
Mdse. on hand	4,000.90		
Book accounts, Book Department..	1,550.79		
" " <i>Messenger</i>	3,918.75		
" " <i>Review</i>	152.33	\$11,191.38	
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LIABILITIES.			
Original purchase money.....	\$2,500.00		
Cash from J. T. Reber, Treasurer....	4,200.00		
Advance subscriptions, <i>Messenger</i>	1,951.60		
Advance subscriptions, <i>Review</i>	181.50		
Bills payable	538.16	\$9,371.26	
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Balance, profit and loss..... \$1,820.12

In making this exhibit this Board kept in mind the probable depreciation on the merchandise as well as the possibility of loss on the outstanding book accounts, and made corresponding allowances for these. It also excluded from the assets, the one thousand dollars paid Mrs. Fisher for the almanac and the cost of all fixtures, furniture and plates. It is believed, therefore, that the assets are reported at a minimum cash valuation. In judging the year's results, it would be well to bear

in mind that the *Messenger* has been regularly furnished to those subscribers who had paid their subscriptions to the Fisher estate. These amounted during the year to \$3,541.06 for the *Messenger*, and \$102.25 for the *Review*. These and other claims against said estate are still pending in the Orphans' Court, of Philadelphia, and it is believed will receive final determination before the end of the year.

Of the two periodicals published by your Board, we may say that the *Review* is at present self-supporting. It does not, however, more than pay its own expenses. There is need of a larger subscription-list in order to allow the editor to make further improvements. It will be seen from this, that the effort to increase the number of subscribers has been partially successful. We feel justified in saying that the *Review* is excellent, and should have a larger circle of readers throughout the Church. As new interest is felt, at present in the series now edited by Prof. William Rupp, D.D., we hope that the Synod will heartily recommend this periodical to our pastors and people, and urge them to subscribe for it.

The *Messenger* has been issued regularly throughout the year. It has not only been up to its usual standard, but has shown general improvements in its several departments. Few changes have been made during the year, inasmuch as it was necessary to conduct the paper as economically as possible, in order to have our balance on the right side of the ledger. Notwithstanding the fact, that during the year there were quite a number of very serious obstacles in our way, still the *Messenger* has more than paid its own expenses.

Whilst we have been anxious to increase the number of subscribers to the *Messenger*, we frankly state that up to the present time, this has not been done. But, on the other hand, report that the subscription-list is shorter than last year. The list, as it came into our hands a year ago, was a padded one. A large number of subscribers paid but \$1.00 a year, and when one rate for all subscribers was fixed, many of these dropped out. Many more had not paid their subscriptions for years. The attorney for the Fisher estate very properly set about making collections. At the end of the first year your Board did the same. Through this process, the list was further pruned. The Board intends to continue this yearly collection, and feels justified in doing so. Our present list, though smaller, is on a cash valuation, worth as much, or even more, to the Church than a year ago.

During the coming year we hope to increase the number of readers of the *Messenger*. To do this, we need the co-operation of the pastors and elders of the Church. We are mindful of the obstacles yet in our way; the plea of hard times, other cheaper publications, the fact that any Church paper is

received with indifference by a large number, even of the membership of the Church, and that people must learn to appreciate a Church paper. Their interest increases, with their interest in the Church and the development of their religious life. Bearing this in mind, we again ask the co-operation of the pastors, not for a season only, but year in and year out. We bespeak the same interest and consideration of our work, as is given to Missions and Education.

The Treasurer, Mr. James T. Reber, reported to the Board, as follows:

Dr.

1896.					
Sept. 15.	To balance.	Cash on hand.....	\$64.61		
Oct. 1.	To cash received for 6 months interest	Deeter Mortgage	25.00		
	To cash received for 6 months interest	Fisher Mortgage	21.75		
	To cash received for Lydia Fisher Mtge		725.00		
1897.					
Jan. 12.	To cash received for 6 months interest	on two mortgages.			
	(\$2,000, from C. M. Boush).....		50.00		
	To cash received for Reading Silk Mill	Bonds	1,750.00		
Mar 12.	To cash received for interest on Reading	Silk Mill Bonds	22.50		
Mar 13.	To cash received for interest on Blosser	Judgment	12 00		
Apr. 10.	To cash received for 6 months interest	Reading Silk Mill Bonds	250.00		
	To cash received for 6 months interest	Deeter Mortgage	25.00		
July 26.	To cash received for 6 months interest	on two mortgages.			
	(\$2,000, from C. M. Boush).....		50.00	\$2,995.86	
Sept. 15.	To balance due Treasurer.....			229.14	
					\$3,225.00

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1896.					
Oct. 12.	By cash paid to Rev. C. R. Ferner	\$500.00			
Nov. 2.	" " " "	225.00			
Nov. 9.	" " " "	275.00			
Nov. 14.	" " " "	200.00			
Dec. 1.	" " " "	1,000.00			
1897.					
Apr. 19.	" " A. W. Bomberger				
	(Counsel Fee),	25.00			
June 11.	By cash paid to Rev. C. R. Ferner.....	1,000.00	\$3,225.00		

INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT.

Blosser Judgment	\$200.00
Isaac L. Deeter, mortgage	1,000.00
C. M. Boush, Tr, Massillon mortgage	1,000.00
C. M. Boush, Tr., Youngstown.....	1,000.00
Note: St. Thomas church, Reading ...	1,000.00

" C. G. Fisher (allowed).....	800.00	
"	150.00	\$5,150.00
Bonus: Due from the Fisher Estate (al- lowed)		900.00
		<u>\$6,050.00</u>

This report necessarily deals largely with results. In considering these, it is but just that due credit be accorded those in the employ of the Board, who were suddenly and without previous knowledge of its affairs, called upon to take up the work and prosecute it without interruption in all the issues of the publications, and with as little annoyance to its patrons as the disorganized condition of its affairs would permit.

The Board and its assistants disclaim all responsibility for any errors committed, or the methods pursued in presenting and collecting claims due the Fisher estate by collectors in charge of those accounts; but we submit that every one indebted to that estate should understand after the report of last year, that all accounts due the Fisher estate prior to July 1, 1896, are the sole property of that estate, and that it is their duty to make a prompt settlement to the estate; that this Board has no responsibility whatever, as to them, or the measures used by the estate to enforce collection, and that the patrons of the Board have only to account to it for subscriptions and purchases accruing since July 1, 1896.

When your Board assumed control it extended to the estate the courtesy of the columns of the *Messenger* and the use of its office force in directing attention to the obligations resting upon those indebted to said estate, but it neither assumed the collections nor the responsibility for any communications except those signed by the manager.

The attention of the Synods is called to the expiration in January, 1898, of the following members of this Board: John W. Bickel and James T. Reber, Eastern Synod; and C. M. Boush, Pittsburgh Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee on Publication begs leave to present the following report:

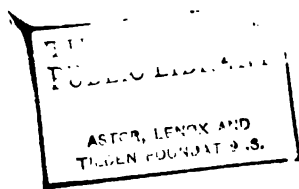
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8. Im 6^{ten} May 1747./ in der mir Mich: Statter. Königin
Philadelphia bei Germantown.Auch der ~~Heiligen~~ Gang in die Reform
Gemeinde aller auf Canawake auf

May.

6. John Lus. Engländer } Johannes. } Taufzeugen
 Nation der Maria } größer. } der auch groß Witter
 Elisabeth Töchter. } 1738. } Dietrich Längblut
 7. Mich. Will. im 1^{ten} März. } Georg. } Taufzeugen
 sein am 1^{ten} März. } 1746. } Joh. Lehman &
 Christina Majal. von } 1746. } sein Frau.
 Lomea am 1^{ten} März.
 8. Joh. Heinrich Krensch - } Maria Cath. } Taufzeugen
 1746. } Anna } Peter Middelhauß
 1746. } 2. August. } sein Frau.
 9. Caspar Klein von Horst } Johannes. } Taufzeugen
 auf dem 2^{ten} März. } größer. } Joh. Schreyer &
 Susana Spranglerin. } 1746. } sein Frau.
 10. Joh. Georg Froschauer } Andreas. } Taufzeugen
 von Maderstein in Thier } größer. } Andreas Schreiber
 Catharina: sein Adam } 1746. } und sein Frau.
 11. Joh. Heinrich Krensch. von } Susana } Taufzeugen
 Maria am 1^{ten} März. } größer. } Peter Middelhauß
 Maria Margareth. Peter } 1746. } sein Frau.
 12. Joh. Schreyer von sein } Catharina } Taufzeugen
 1746. } größer. } Joh. Nicolaus Coblenz
 13. Nicolaus Schreyer } Adam } Taufzeugen
 Catharina. sein } 1746. } Adam Krensch &



The following paper was referred to us, viz: The report of the Publication Board.

From this report we learn that the affairs of the Board are in a satisfactory financial condition and have been wisely and carefully managed by the Board and its excellent business manager. We learn also that during the past year another contract was made with the Sunday-school Board, whereby the Publication Board transferred to it the right to sell Sunday-school hymn-books, supplies and literature not included in the former contract, and for which additional contract, the Board is to receive \$250.00 annually for five years. We further learn that the "Review" is on a basis of self-support, and that although the subscription-list of the "Messenger" is not as large as before and had to be considerably pruned, is yet on a paying basis and in a better condition than when the Board assumed the management of the publication interests.

In view of the above facts, your committee recommend the following action:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the steady improvement of the "Messenger" and commend it to the hearty patronage of all our people, and that in view of the decrease of the number of subscribers, we most earnestly recommend that the price of this paper be \$1.50 per year, strictly in advance, and that prompt business efforts be put forth to increase its circulation.

Resolved, That we learn with pleasure that the "Reformed Church Review," is steadily improving and on a basis of self-support, and that we most earnestly recommend it to the patronage of the pastors and laity of the Church, in order that it may be still further improved, and more widely circulated, as it deserves to be.

Resolved, That we approve the additional contract made by the Publication Board with the Sunday-school Board for the sale of Sunday-school hymn-books and supplies and literature not included in the former contract.

Resolved, That we most earnestly commend and appreciate the financial success of the publication interests, which has been largely brought about by the untiring efforts and efficiency of the business manager.

Resolved, That we commend all the publications and interests of the Board to the generous patronage of the entire membership of the Church, in order that the religious life and intelligence of the people may be properly developed, and that our publication interests may be greatly enlarged and attain the prosperity which they deserve and which are worthy of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. MOYER, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder S. Hoeflich, for two years; and Elder G. S. Griffith, for one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday forenoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of the session of Monday afternoon. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. F. W. Bald, B. R. Carnahan, J. B. Stonesifer, and Elder I. K. Little acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Franklin and Marshall College, and Catawba College, Missions, and Trustees of Synod.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to submit the following report:

There were placed in our hands the report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphan Home, together with the annual report of the Home. From these and the addresses delivered by representatives of Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Home, we learn that these Homes enjoy the blessings of divine favor, and the sympathy and support of our people. There are at present in Bethany Orphan Home, 128 children, with six more who have been admitted and who will enter the Home in a short time. Of this number, 13 are from the Synod of the Potomac, with two more admitted. In St. Paul's Orphan Home, there

are 86 children, of which number 15 are from this Synod. In view of the fact that this work is growing, and in order that it may be successfully carried forward, we anew commend these Homes to the sympathy and generous support of our Classes, pastors, and people; and further that we earnestly ask for larger contributions from our congregations and Sunday-schools.

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman*.

Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, in behalf of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, in behalf of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, needs and claims of those Homes respectively.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: I herewith transmit to your venerable body the enclosed statement of the financial operations of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," for the year closing September 30th, 1897.

Also a statement of the receipts and expenditures within the bounds of the Synod, as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
Gettysburg Classis	\$130 00
Maryland Classis	119 50
Virginia Classis	72 00
Carlisle Classis	65 00
Juniata Classis	60 00
Mercersburg Classis	57 19
Zion's Classis	51 65
Total	\$555 74

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid to ten annuitants \$650.00, or \$94.26 more than received from the different Classes.	

We would also call the attention of the Synod to the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home" for aged ministers and their wives, and the widows of ministers, at Myerstown, Pa. The Home is now open and ready to receive such as may need a home. We ask your continued interest in the Society and the work it is doing.

Yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

MYERSTOWN, PA., September 30th, 1897.

The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, through its officers present for publication in the minutes of your reverend body the following statement of the financial operations for the year closing September 30th, 1897:

RECEIPTS.	
From balance in treasury from last report.....	\$4,384.31
From collections in the churches	1,573.65
From interest on investments	1,372.99
From matured loan	700.00
From royalty on church hymnal	587.75
For Daniel Stein Memorial Home	372.72
From miscellaneous sources	288.00
From Pittsburgh Synod Special	125.00
Total	\$9,404.42
EXPENDITURES.	
By amount invested	\$3,100.00
By amount paid to annuitants	2,500.00
By amount to Daniel Stein Memorial Home.....	539.14
By expenses	543.99
By cash in treasury Sept. 30th, 1897.....	2,721.29
Total	\$9,404.42

The following persons have become members of the Society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Calvin B. Heller, Aaron R. Hottenstine, Jos. H. Hendricks, Daniel U. Wolff, Henry W. Super, D.D., LL.D., Josiah D. Detrich, Henry T. Spangler, D.D., John H. Sechler, D.D., Alfred Houtz, Louis Fraikschatz, D.D., Thomas J. Bower, John N. Naly, John F. Mackley, M.D., Milton M. Noacher, Simon U. Waugaman, John O. Lindaman, Wilson F. More, Alexander Bateman, K. Otis Spessard, Frederick W. Bald, Stephen Schweitzer, Milton H. Sangree, F. J. E. Muehe, S. Sydney Kohler, Calvin H. Schneider, Uriah Weidner, Chas. H. Coon, L. D. Stambaugh, George A. Houze, Nathaniel Loose, D.D., Jacob Ihle, Geo. E. Limbert, Edward J. Fogel, D.D., John Kuelling, D.D.

Annual Members.—Revs. Rufus W. Miller, David E. Klopp, D.D., Prof. Frank Grether.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Mercersburg, Pa.

REV. T. FRANK HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Myerstown, Pa.

With reference to the Memoir of the Society, mentioned in item 9 of the Report on Overtures, the Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That the booklet be commended to the ministers and members of our Church at large, and that they be urged to read it carefully, and to give to the Society their earnest and most liberal support.

The following action was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

Under item 2 of the Report on Overtures, the Synod adopted the following action:

WHEREAS, The Reformed congregation at Napa, California, through its trustees and the Board of Missions, asks this Synod to authorize the sale of its church property, according to the provision of its charter.

Resolved, That the Synod assents to the sale of said property, and hereby instructs the Stated Clerk of Synod to furnish the Board of Missions with a copy of this action.

In response to the request contained in item 8 of the Report on Overtures, the Synod adopted the following action:

Resolved, That, whilst we as a Synod, fully recognize the evils of intemperance, and heartily sympathize with every movement looking to the suppression of the liquor traffic, we do not deem it proper as a Synod to elect delegates to attend the National Anti-Saloon Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, on January 11th-13th, 1898.

Under item 10 of the Report on Overtures, the Board of Trustees of Wichita University reported to the Synod of the Potomac, that they had disposed of the property of said institution agreeable to the authority of the Synod in the premises.

On Thursday afternoon, the Rev. Israel W. Hathaway, D.D., General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, was given permission to address the Synod, which he did in behalf

of the proper observance of the Sabbath, making a most earnest appeal. The matter was then referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, M. O. Noll, and Elder G. S. Griffith. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom the address of the Rev. Dr. I. W. Hathaway, of New York, General Secretary of the American Sabbath Union, was referred, begs leave to report, that we have carefully considered the subject of the proper observance of the Lord's Day, and submit the following for adoption:

WHEREAS, The proper observance of the Lord's Day lies at the foundation of all civil and religious liberty, and conserves the best interests of all men, regardless of position or condition; and,

WHEREAS, We are pained at the growing disregard of the sanctity of the day within our territory, as is apparent from the open and public invitations to engage in its desecration; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby challenge all Christian people to unite with us in the effort to create a better public sentiment on this subject, and by all legitimate means to discourage and prevent the desecration of the Lord's Day.

Resolved, That we request the members of our several pastoral charges, and all others who may be reached through their influence, to discourage Sunday funerals, and all demonstrations that in effect disturb the quiet of the community and the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

Resolved, further, That the Classes are hereby directed to send these resolutions down to each pastoral charge, requesting each pastor to read them to his congregations, accompanying them with a sermon or such remarks as will make them most effective.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

Visit to Mercersburg College.

At the invitation of Dr. Wm. M. Irvine, President of Mercersburg College, and through the kindness of Col. Thos. B. Kennedy, President of the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company, in furnishing a special train, consisting of an engine and four passenger coaches, free of charge, the Synod, on Wednesday afternoon, instead of holding a business session, visited Mercersburg College, leaving Hagerstown at 1:30 o'clock, and getting back shortly after 6 o'clock in the evening.

Upon reaching Mercersburg, the Synod in a body proceeded to the chapel of the College, when appropriate exercises were held, consisting of prayer, vocal and instrumental

music by the students, addresses of welcome by the President of the institution and President of the Board of Regents, response by the President of the Synod, and a couple of voluntary speeches by the members of Synod, closing with doxology and benediction.

Unfortunately, the afternoon was quite inclement, rain falling from the time of leaving Hagerstown until the return of the train, so that the visitors could not see the fine scenery by which Mercersburg is surrounded, in consequence of the fog and lowering clouds.

At a subsequent session of the Synod, the unanimous thanks of the body were tendered to Col. Kennedy for his kindness and courtesy, and also returned to the President, Faculty, and students of the College, for the cordial reception given the members of the Synod.

At the session of Saturday morning the following action was taken:

Greetings to the Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania:

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, in session at Hagerstown, Md., hereby, in the name of Jesus Christ, the one Lord and Head of the Church, sends most cordial Christian greetings to the Synod of Pennsylvania of the Presbyterian Church, convened in Chambersburg, Pa. St. John 17:21.

The following response was received on Monday:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The Synod of Pennsylvania of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, in session at Chambersburg, Pa., most cordially returns the fraternal greetings of the Synod of the Potomac, and prays that Grace, Mercy and Peace may be multiplied to it, from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 4:4-6.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the pastor of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held, twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

The Treasurer of Synod was also directed to pay to the Rev. George M. Zacharias one hundred dollars, for services rendered by him, and to be further rendered in his researches in connection with the Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary of the organization of the Coetus and relative facts.

Sesqui-Centennial Anniversary.

Services in commemoration of the life and labors of Rev. Michael Schlatter and the organization of the Coetus, Septem-

ber 29th, 1747, were held on Wednesday evening, as provided for by the Synod last year at Altoona, Pa., and as given in the Report on Religious Services, with the exception that Elder John E. Roller, on account of a severe accident, could not be present and make his address, on "The Reformed Church in Schlatter's day." The Synod expressed its sympathy for him, in his misfortune.

The Synod subsequently adopted the following action:

WHEREAS, The present Synod has derived a special significance from the circumstance of commemorating the 150th anniversary of the organization of the Coetus of the Reformed Church, under the supervision of the pioneer missionary, Michael Schlatter, and it would seem proper that the published minutes of Synod should contain some indication of this special significance; therefore,

Resolved, That there be inserted, by the Stated Clerk, in the published minutes of the Synod: 1. A cut of Michael Schlatter; 2. A reduced facsimile of the introductory page of the Church Register of the Conewago congregation, as recorded in the autograph writing of Mr. Schlatter; 3. A facsimile of the sixteen baptisms recorded in the same volume in the handwriting of Mr. Schlatter; 4. A cut of the flagon and chalice (the former belonging to the congregation at Walkersville, Md., and the latter to the congregation at Winchester, Va., both bearing the date of 1747), which were used at the Synodical communion service on Sunday morning.

Revs. A. T. G. Apple, G. M. Zacharias, and J. B. Shontz were appointed to aid the Stated Clerk to procure the plates from which the cuts can be printed.

In the same connection the following paper was moved and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Rev. George M. Zacharias, a member of this Synod, contemplates making a visit to Holland, and proposes, while there, to investigate documents relating to the early history of the Reformed Church in the United States; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod directs its officers to place in the hands of Rev. Mr. Zacharias, in case of such visit, a paper, under the seal of the Synod, expressing the Synod's approval of his proposed errand, and commending him to the confidence and kindness of the authorities of the Reformed Church of Holland, and to the consideration of the custodians of the historical documents, which he may desire to examine.

Revs. J. O. Miller, H. J. Hillegass, and Elder I. K. Little were appointed a Committee on Leave of Absence. Shortly before final adjournment, the committee reported, which was

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May. *Eltern.*
Andreas Schreiber v. d. H. } *Elizabeth.*
Hallerborn a. d. 2. Febr. } *geb.*
ana Maria. Ulrich. Kaser. } *21. Jan.*
der Hohenheim. Pfaffen. } *1747.*
Taufung
ana Eva Bamberger

Eltern.
J. Georg Adam. Koch. } *Joh. Adam.*
im Oberliff a. d. 2. Febr. } *geb.*
ana Maria Grofshausen. } *29. März.*
1747.
Taufung
Joh. Schumann.
im 1. Febr.

Eltern.
J. Nieth. Fischer. v. Nebella. } *Joh. Nieth.*
a. d. 2. Febr. } *geb.*
Lufana Maria Klee. a. d. 15. März. } *1747.*
geb. orl.
Taufung
Nieth. Klee v. im 1. Febr.
ana Apollonia
Oylarier.

Eltern.
J. J. H. Lud. v. Cufel. } *Maria (Lip)*
bei Jungbunnen. } *geb.*
Maria Barbara Joh. } *29. März.*
Nieth. Klee. v. im 1. Febr. } *1747.*
Taufung
ana Maria Hufzger.

Eltern.
J. Ludwig Allemen. v. } *Georg Salzer.*
Friedel. Klee. a. d. 2. Febr. } *geb.*
Maria (Elizabeth) Klee. } *16. Febr.*
1747.
Taufung
Jung Salzer. Beller.

Eltern.
J. Adam Kuch. v. Otter. } *Michael.*
Berg a. d. 2. Febr. } *geb.*
Eva Georg Boller. } *8. April.*
bach's Pfaffen. } *1747.*
Taufung
Michael Kuch v
im 1. Febr.

Eltern.
M. v. d. H. v. d. H. } *Indian*
von H. v. d. H. } *geb.*
J. v. d. H. v. d. H. } *1747.*
Taufung
Anna v. d. H.
im 1. Febr.

Eltern.
J. v. d. H. v. d. H. } *Sierra*
von H. v. d. H. } *geb.*
J. v. d. H. v. d. H. } *1747.*
Taufung
Maed. v. d. H.
im 1. Febr.

adopted, and the leave of absence is noted by the letter appended to the names of delegates excused on the roll of delegates present, the letters in their order indicating the session at which they were excused from further attendance.

The McCardell Brothers, publishers, presented to the members of the Synod copies of the J. Gruber's Hagerstown Almanack for the year of our Lord 1898, and received the thanks of the recipients.

Just before final adjournment, the following was moved and adopted:

In view of the fact that a quarter of a century has intervened since the organization of the Synod of the Potomac, and the present is the 25th annual meeting, and also in view of the fact that our venerable Stated Clerk has rendered us faithful and efficient services during these many years; therefore,

Resolved, That a cut of our venerable Stated Clerk be published in the Minutes of Synod for the present year.

NOTE.—It may not be amiss in this connection to mention the following fact, which was not known by the Synod. The Synod's Stated Clerk is the descendant of one of the twenty-seven elders, who were present at the organization of the Coetus of the Reformed Church in Philadelphia, Pa., September 29th, 1747, namely, Elder Kaspar Spengler (Spangler). He was the only elder in attendance from west of the Susquehanna river, or from the present territory of the Synod of the Potomac. He was a member of the congregation at York, York county, Pa. He, with his family, landed at Philadelphia twenty years earlier, September 18th, 1727. He did not tarry long on the settled and peaceful shores of the Delaware, but plunged into the wilderness, and became one of the very earliest permanent settlers west of the Susquehanna.

When the time approached for the organization of the Coetus, as arranged by Schlatter, Elder Spangler started on the long journey through the wilderness from York to Philadelphia, although past sixty-three years of age, to be present at the Coetus, manifesting thereby his confidence in Schlatter's mission and work, as well as his devoted attachment to the Reformed Church. **STATED CLERK.**

ARTICLE XXII.

Ministerial Necrology.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, having failed to perform its duty, the Synod directed the Stated Clerk to prepare the requisite report, which accordingly is here given:

Two deaths have occurred in the ministry of our Synod since our last annual meeting. This is a small mortality, when compared with that of some of the other Synods.

REV. GEORGE CLINTON ERB.

Mr. Erb was the son of Samuel and Ellen Erb, and was born at or near Union Mills, Carroll county, Md., December 31st, 1862. Baptized in infancy, he grew up under the nurture of a Christian home, and at the proper age attended catechetical instruction under the Rev. W. C. Cremer, then pastor of the Westminster Charge, and was confirmed by him in the Silver Run Church, whilst still a youth. Feeling himself called to engage in the work of the holy ministry, he became a student of Western Maryland College, located at Westminster, Md., not far from which the family resided, and graduated from that institution in June, 1886. In September of the same year, he entered the Junior Class of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and, in May, 1889, he was graduated from that school of the prophets. He was licensed and ordained soon afterwards by the Maryland Classis, under whose supervision he prosecuted his theological studies, and then dismissed to the Iowa Classis, to serve the Wilton Junction Mission. A year or so later, he returned to Maryland, and being without a pastoral charge, he spent a season in teaching public school. May 10th, 1892, he was married to Miss Ariana Lee Norris. In August of the same year, he became the pastor of the McConnellsburg Charge in Fulton county, Pa., and served it for three and a half years nearly. Whilst pastor of this charge, by earnest and indefatigable labor, he succeeded in having the new Reformed Church of McConnellsburg built. In February, 1896, he removed to Orbisonia, and became the pastor of the Orbisonia Charge in Huntingdon county, Pa., where he labored about one year. In this last field of labor, his health began to fail seriously, yet he remained at his post faithful in the discharge of his duty until the advancing stages of his disease compelled him to resign. He then returned home to his parents' residence, near Westminster, Md., as it proved, soon to die. On Friday morning, April 9th, 1897, he fell asleep in Jesus, aged 34 years, 3 months and 10 days.

REV. REUBEN RAHAUSER.

Mr. Rahauser was born in Dover township, York county, Pa., August 18th, 1836, and was baptized in infancy, and in due time was catechised and confirmed in Strayer's or Salem's Church, near Dover, York county, by the Rev. Daniel Ziegler. His opportunities in early life to gain an education were limited. When a young man, just twenty-one years of age, he was united in holy matrimony to Miss Malinda Eurich. When about thirty-three years of age, he felt it to be his duty to prepare for the ministry. He moved with his family to Collegeville to take a limited literary and theological course at Ursinus College. Four years later, he applied to Philadelphia

Classis for license to preach the Gospel. He was examined and licensed, October 20th, 1873. His first field of labor was the Kreutz Creek Charge, in York county, where he was ordained and installed November 27th, 1873. Here he labored about four years, when he accepted a call to the Mount Pleasant Charge in the same county. He served this charge six years, after which he supplied St. Paul's or Ziegler's congregation, in the same county, for about two years. It was at this time, that the stubborn disease, liver trouble, began to root itself, and which became incurable in his case, and disqualified him from the performing of ministerial labors. For thirteen years he patiently bore his trials and severe afflictions, until released from them by death on June 13th, 1897, when he entered into the rest that the Lord has provided for His faithful followers; aged 60 years, 9 months and 26 days.

Respectfully submitted,

STATED CLERK.

November 3, 1897.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the pastors, consistories and members of Zion and Christ Reformed Churches of Hagerstown, Md., and other citizens for their generous hospitality extended to us during our present sojourn among them.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be furnished Pastors Kieffer and Snyder, to be read from their pulpits next Lord's Day.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned by the Stated Clerk to the management of the C. V. R. R. and W. M. R. R. for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Woodstock, Shenandoah

county, Va., Tuesday evening, October 25th, A. D. 1898, at 7:30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 25th, at 9:30 o'clock, with singing a hymn, repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

J. DAVID MILLER, *President.*

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Contributions		P. O. ADDRESS.			
		Communicants.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprotestation.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.		Studies for Ministry	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Jacob O. Miller, D.D.	Trinity Reformed, York.	1	386	342	120	24	5	28	510		6	3	\$748 00	\$3012 00	119 S. Duke St., York, Pa.	
Aaron Spangler	Trinity.	7	590	467	286	47	3	28	5	2	13	6	181 00	1117 00	507 W. Market St., York, Pa.	
Oliver P. Schellhamer	Paradise.	4	1089	900	630	92	6	32	12	10	20	22	630 00	2300 00	413 W. Phila. St., York, Pa.	
Aaron H. Lfesz.	Without charge.														Host, Berks Co., Pa.	
Morgan A. Peters.	Zion's Reformed, York.	1	465	297	200	37	3	28	6	21	7	12	238 00	2050 00	411 W. Phila. St., York, Pa.	
Francis C. Yost.	Heidelberg, York.	1	465	330	190	17	3	28	26	4	14	1	653 00	2529 00	202 E. Market St., York, Pa.	
Gideon P. Flaher.	Kreutz Creek.	3	371	253	238	24	4	16	7	4	27	9	264 00	1000 00	Hellam, York Co., Pa.	
Gerny Weber.	Glen Rock.	3	418	372	201	9	3	15	9		3	3	228 00	1015 00	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.	
Hiram J. Hillegass.	Shrewsbury.	4	406	342	259	18	14	6	9	1	4	2	173 00	2515 00	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.	
Charles P. Kehl.	St. John's.	2	94	81	60		1	18	5	8	3	4	25 00	475 00	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.	
William U. Helfrich.	Dillsburg.	4	269	159	139	8	7	24	2	2	5	4	66 00	730 00	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.	
H. M. John Klein.	Grace Reformed, York.	1	223	200	200	30	5	33	42	9	10	3	891 00	2903 00	N. Hartly St., York, Pa.	
Charles P. Kehl, supply.	Mt. Pleasant.	2	31	23	46	2	2	6			1	2	17 00	128 00	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.	
Gideon P. Flaher, supply.	Locust Grove Cong.	1	15			4	2	6					40 00		Hellam, York Co., Pa.	
Total, 12	13	34	4803	3795	2569	312	36	251	163	65	59	88	71	\$14115 00	\$19523 00	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

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CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.		Contributions.		P. O. ADDRESS.						
		No. Congregations.	Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reproof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.		Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
	William M. Deatrick, D.D.	2	440	380	155	23	10	27	10	3	15	3	\$557 76	\$1300 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Jacob Hasler, D.D.														Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	William C. Cremer, D.D.														Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Franklin F. Bahner, D.D.														Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Geo. W. Auglinbaugh, D.D.														Greenville, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Without charge.														Zuelliger, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	George B. Shonts.	1	259	253	144	18	7	12	10	15	20	2	55 00	1599 40	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Irwin M. Beaver.	2	411	372	183	9	5	4	18	20	3	1	251 00	4653 00	Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	1	378	248	300	4	2	7	6	5	3		1086 82	170 03	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Without charge.														Edinburg, Illinois.	
	George S. Gill.	4	283	245	72	14	24	37	13	5	6	1	101 50	1350 00	St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Henry N. Basler.	1	300	280	160	8	18	17	6		15	4	275 00	6249 00	Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Isaac N. Peighel.	1	301	283	90	22	30	16	29	1	3	3	660 00	1660 00	Shippensburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.	
	Albert H. Hilsenman.	2	296	217	113	10	3	11	5	8	21	1	1053 00	1434 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Charles A. Santee.	3	137	133	83	9	3	2	6	3	1	2	78 00	423 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa.	
	Charles M. Smith.	2	332	301	150	2	5	20	5	5	14	3	985 00	902 00	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Edward O. Keen.	3	259	186	87	8	6	11	6	3	2	2	161 62	901 77	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	London charge.	3	96	78	45	2	3	4	1	1	1	1	67 31	217 50	Mont Alto, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Vacant.	1	80	69	66	1		1	2		2		56 15	325 00	Nason and Dixon, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Vacant.														Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Mont Alto charge.														Berkely Spring, Morgan Co., W. Va.	
	Middleburg Church.														Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
	Disabled.															
	George R. Zacharias.															
	John M. North.															
	John M. Irvine, Ph.D.															
	Lic. Pres. Mercersb g Col.	26	3450	2933	1625	130	92	170	131	70	101	49	13	\$16522 00	\$22573 70	
	19.															

*Has called a pastor. †Supplied by a committee.

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Additions			Losses.			Contributions		P. O. ADDRESS.			
					Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reprofession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Students for Ministry.		Benefolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
H. St. J. Rinker.....	Without charge.....	1	85	190	5	2	17	6	270	3		4		\$ 418 11	\$1703 00	Mauertown, Va.
J. A. Hofheins, D.D.....	Martinsburg.....	1	10	11	4			1	1	3		3		10 00	40 00	Martinsburg, W. Va.
J. W. Rauch.....	Falling Waters.....	2	141	55	6	1	1	1	117	3	1	8		142 00	500 00	Martinsburg, W. Va.
George G. Everhart.....	Shepherdstown.....	3	138	66	3			1	125	1		2		90 00	468 00	Middle Brook, W. Va.
R. Raymond Jones.....	Middle Brook.....	1	22	22	2	4	4	7	151	2		3		20 00	247 00	Middle Brook, Va.
Josiah May.....	Without charge.....	1	22	22	2	4	4	7	151	2		3		286 00	1033 00	Hawkingstown, Va.
Lewis Reiter.....	Roanoke.....	2	173	54	4	2	4	7	151	2		3		81 01	485 00	Roanoke, Va.
C. B. Keller.....	Mt. Crawford.....	2	217	54	4	2	4	7	151	2		3		143 00	654 00	Mt. Crawford, Va.
J. B. Stonesifer.....	Winchester.....	2	116	109	10	6	2	87				2	1	324 00	950 00	Winchester, Va.
S. A. Eltner.....	Without charge.....	2	193	68	11	2	2	182	3			8		143 00	654 00	Edinburg, Va.
A. B. Bauman.....	Harrisville.....	2	204	68	11	2	2	182	3			8		324 00	950 00	Tom's Brook, Va.
N. H. Skyles.....	Woodstock.....	2	214	147	6	1	1	197				3		143 00	375 00	Woodstock, Va.
J. Philip Harner.....	Timberville.....	2	193	68	6	1	16	1	156			1	5	94 00	629 00	Timberville, Va.
J. Henry Dittler.....	Mill Creek.....	1	178	154	6	3	16	1	131	1	1	1	5	231 00	973 00	Timberville, Va.
A. D. Wolfinger.....	Rockingham.....	4	370	96	2	6	8	7	238	2		1	9	19 20	573 00	Mt. Jackson, Va.
J. Silor Garrison.....	Harrisonburg.....	1	17	16	3	1	3	20				1		19 20	573 00	Mt. Crawford, Va.
Lewis T. Lampe.....	Smithfield.....	1	104	68	2	5		90				5		15 96	587 00	Harrisonburg, Va.
Supplied.....	Edinburg.....	3	163	79				121	9			9		13 81	235 00	Smithfield, Va.
Vacant.....	Christ Ch., Wiehle.....	1	15	5	5							2		13 81	235 00	Edinburg, Va.
Supplied.....		1	15	5	5									13 81	235 00	Lovettsville, Va.
Total, 17.....		83	2478	1266	80	17	132	36	1951	24	15	158	1	\$2250 53	\$3806 00	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Communications.		Members.		Additions.		Losses.				Contributions		P. O. ADDRESS.		
		Communicants.	Uncommunicated.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reproof.	Dismissed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths— Uncommunicants.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.	
Thomas Long.....	Without charge.....	2	194	144	114	3			14	13		6	1	\$ 26 00	\$ 135 00	Salem, N. C.
Jesse W. Cecil.....	Without charge.....	2	243	220	123	13	3	15	15	4	2	2	2	142 00	1054 00	Thomasville, N. C.
John Ingle.....	Without charge.....	4	457	320	125	17	12	30	15	2	2	2	2	198 00	447 00	Green Park, N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.....	Pres. Catawba Col.....	4	162	158	173	13	3	2	2	16		1		61 00	263 00	Newton, N. C.
P. M. Trexler, D.D.....	Prof. in Catawba Col.....	1	162	158	173	13	3	14	1			4		199 00	1067 00	Newton, N. C.
Michael L. Hedrick.....	Without charge.....	1	164	124	85	13	3	14	1	2	24	2		133 00	883 00	Silver Hill, N. C.
John A. Foll, Ph.D.....	Prof. in Catawba Col.....	4	446	404	53	7	10									Newton, N. C.
Paul Barringer.....	New Gilead.....	4	162	127	60	8	13		5	4		3		68 00	228 00	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy.....	Hickory.....	5	340	273	128	24	11	40	7	8		2	1	72 00	255 00	Lexington, N. C.
Jacob C. Leonard.....	Upper Davidson.....	1	63	43	40	1	2		4	2		1		30 00	600 00	Rockwell, N. C.
J. M. Luther Lyerly.....	Central Rowan.....	2	209	203	115	12	2	13	5	4	14	3	1	53 00	605 00	Concord, N. C.
Vacant.....	Newton.....	3	176	125	38	6	9		5	3		2	1	53 00	267 00	China Grove, N. C.
James D. Andrew.....	Guilford.....	1	14	14	14				5	3				5 00	586 00	Thomasville, N. C.
Julius H. Shuford.....	Without charge.....	4	162	127	60	8	13		5	4		3	1	90 00	470 00	Salisbury, N. C.
William H. McAlrly.....	Catawba.....	2	224	209	203	12	11		4	9		6	1	309 00	263 00	Maiden, N. C.
B. Frank Davis.....	Lower Davidson.....	1	81	56	40	2						4		7 00	34 00	Rockwell, N. C.
A. Shulenberger.....	Concord.....	1	25	8	10									9 00	19 00	Blowing Rock, N. C.
Clarence Clapp.....	West Rowan.....	43	8317	7210	1421	146	130	177	83	40	102	49	8	\$1490 00	\$7346 00	Burlington, N. C.
W. H. Stubblebine.....	Thomasville.....															Maiden, N. C.
Theodore C. Heson.....	Salisbury.....															
Vacant.....	Lincoln charge.....															
J. L. Murphy, supply.....	East Rowan.....															
J. D. Andrew, supply.....	Mt. Bethel Mission.....															
J. D. Andrew, supply.....	Burlington Mission.....															
J. D. Andrew, supply.....	Fairview Mission.....															
Total, 80.....		43	8317	7210	1421	146	130	177	83	40	102	49	8	\$1490 00	\$7346 00	

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. Congregations.		Members.		Additions.				Contributions.				P. O. ADDRESS.			
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Reproof.	Dismissed.	Recommen- ded.	Deaths— Burial.	Deaths— Communion.	Deaths— Unconfirmed.	Studies for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.		
William K. Zieher, D.D.	Without charge.	2	380	850	12	1	21	15	4	4	4	4	1	300 00	125 00	Hanover, Pa.	
John C. Bowman, D.D.	Prof. in Sem., Lan., Pa.	4	700	650	450	27	2	20	6	2	3	7	1	151 00	573 00	44 W. James St., Lanc., Pa.	
Thomas J. Bartley, D.D.	Gettysburg.	3	800	750	600	60	1	40	4	15	6	5	2	240 00	145 00	Gettysburg, Pa.	
John H. Hartman	Lisachy's.	3	725	685	475	44	2	59	13	4	9	6	2	234 00	430 00	Hanover, Pa.	
Franklin A. Guth.	Jefferson.	1	418	245	194	14	1	6	7	1	7	3	1	1100 00	1571 00	Codorus, Pa.	
Walter E. Krebs.	Without charge.	1	210	265	157	12	6	9	5	6	2	2	2	283 00	1450 00	Littlestown, Pa.	
Francis S. Lindaman	Christ Church.	2	230	170	95	17	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	55 00	345 00	Littlestown, Pa.	
Geo. B. Resner.	Emmanuel.	3	351	234	203	13	1	7	3	4	5	4	4	138 00	730 00	Hanover, Pa.	
Edward D. Miller.	West Manheim.	3	570	515	440	28	5	23	6	6	4	11	1	288 00	1211 00	McKnightstown, Pa.	
J. Marion Mickle.	Without charge.	3	460	406	338	18	3	15	11	8	6	5	1	365 00	873 00	Fairfield, Pa.	
John F. Mackley, M.D.	Cashtown.	2	510	441	360	41	1	23	24	2	3	3	3	53 00	995 00	Littlestown, Pa.	
Wm. D. Lefevre.	Without charge.	3	570	515	440	28	5	23	6	6	4	11	1	288 00	1211 00	New Oxford, Pa.	
Peter E. Helmer.	Abbottstown.	2	480	406	338	18	3	15	11	8	6	5	1	365 00	873 00	Arendtsville, Pa.	
Milton M. Noeher.	Arendtsville.	1	510	441	360	41	1	23	24	2	3	3	3	53 00	995 00	Hanover, Pa.	
Marsby J. Roth.	Trinity.	4	511	355	110	4	1	4	1	4	7	3	3	53 00	995 00	Hanover, Pa.	
Paul M. Spangler.	East Berlin.	4	511	355	110	4	1	4	1	4	7	3	3	53 00	995 00	East Berlin, Pa.	
Lic. Wm. A. Kline.	Collegeville.	28	5763	5126	3771	258	16	220	119	53	11	30	60	13	13450 00	523482 00	Collegeville, Pa.
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CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Additional.				Contributions.				F. O. ADDRESS.
			Members.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptism.	Certificate of Repression.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
Wm. R. H. Deatrich, D.D.	Duncannon.	1	70	40	6	2	\$ 80 00	\$ 250 00	New Bloomfield, Pa.		
J. David Miller.	New Bloomfield.	3	197	88	11	2	281 40	703 41	Duncannon, Pa.		
Wm. H. Groh.	Sulphur Springs.	4	200	90	7	2	168 80	678 00	Carlisle, Pa.		
George A. House.	Landisburg.	4	403	193	7	17	392 00	1241 00	Landisburg, Pa.		
Miles O. Noll.	Carlisle.	1	344	100	14	3	400 00	900 00	Carlisle, Pa.		
Titus C. Strock.	Zion's.	4	644	273	22	15	262 80	1027 00	Blain, Pa.		
Henry H. Ranck.	Mechanicsburg.	1	247	106	119	14	236 00	849 40	Mechanicsburg, Pa.		
Henry E. Hiebman.	Newburg.	1	146	80	4	1	70 40	706 45	Newport, Pa.		
James M. Mullan.	Newport.	2	300	123	23	20	223 00	289 00	Newport, Pa.		
Solomon B. Schafer.	Without charge.								Martinsburg, Pa.		
Samuel N. Callender, D.D.	Sec. Bd. Foreign Mis.								Mechanicsburg, Pa.		
Samuel P. Stauffer.	Without charge.								York, Pa.		
Ministers, 13.	Charges, 9.	27	2451	1098	96	41	\$2139 96	\$11324 28			

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.		Contributions		P. O. ADDRESS.							
		Communicants.	Uncommunicated.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Reproof.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Deaths— Burial of Names.		Deaths— Communicants.	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
F. R. Ruple, D.D.	Without charge.	263	303	118	9	1	9	11	8			\$ 239 00	\$ 803 00	Martinsburg, Pa.			
W. A. Long, Ph.D.	Hickory Bottom.	211	224	169	16	2	14	9	11			264 00	680 00	Martinsburg, Pa.			
John W. Pontius.	Martinsburg.	290	236	156	8	1	8	5	4			191 00	614 00	Cesana, Pa.			
S. Charles Stover.	Dunning's Creek.	544	473	262	26	1	19	24	8	7		669 00	2124 00	Altoona, Pa.			
John F. Moyer.	Christ, Altoona.	437	390	523	40	4	11	4	8			326 00	860 00	Claysburg, Pa.			
Simon U. Waugaman.	Greenfield.	239	201	149	14	3	7	1	1			136 00	475 00	Schellsburg, Pa.			
Daniel G. Heerick.	Schellsburg.	194	178	77	12	4	20	8	12			84 00	700 00	Loyeburg, Pa.			
Edward W. Stonebraker.	Yellow Creek.													Collegedale, Pa.			
Harry E. Jones.	Without charge.	144	126	105	2	3	6	2	3			127 00	458 00	Saxton, Pa.			
Wm. H. Landis.	Saxton.	157	136	98	16	11	11	4	6			191 00	127 00	Everett, Pa.			
Eugene L. McLean.	Everett.	257	224	285	11	3	26	4	5			212 00	684 00	Mann's Choice, Pa.			
Homar S. May.	Sulphur Springs.	240	266	170	23	18	23	7	7			260 00	261 00	Altoona, Pa.			
Lewis Robb.	Trinity, Altoona.	125	102	27	6	3	6	1	1			143 00	840 00	Clearville, Pa.			
Louis C. Harnish.	Clear Ridge.	451	390	197	11	7	20	10	16			615 00	1493 00	Clearville, Pa.			
Frederick A. Ruple, Jr.	Water Street.	323	325	140	12	7	20	14	12			785 00	1238 00	Alexandria, Pa.			
Charles H. Singshoff.	McConnellstown.	296	249	100	3	3	7	11	11			630 00	1238 00	McConnellstown, Pa.			
Charles E. Crick.	Huntingdon.	190	180	80	4	10	3	10	10			223 00	1238 00	Huntingdon, Pa.			
Irwin W. Hendricks.	Bedford.	243	200	169	12	6	8	4	4			380 00	813 00	Bedford, Pa.			
T. K. Cramer.	St. Clairsville.	70	55	45	4	2	3	1	1			40 00	300 00	St. Clairsville, Pa.			
Ambrose C. Geary.	Oriskany Charge.	3	27	224	128	1	2	17	5			123 00	677 00	Petersburg, Pa.			
Vacant.	Friend's Cove.	3	403	264	173	20	33	25	5			231 00	778 00	Charlestown, Pa.			
Edward F. West.	Woodcock Valley.	50	608	554	320	267	161	254	177	135	17	98	46	7	1215 00	1215 00	James Creek, Pa.
Ed.																	

*Supply.

CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. of Congregations.			Members.		Additions.		Losses.				Students for Ministry.		Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Communicants.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Reproof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicat'd	Deaths— Communicants.	Deaths— Uncommuned.	Renewal Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			
J. G. Schmidt.	Astoria.....	1	30	28	35	9									\$ 100 00	Astoria, Oregon.	
J. Muehlaupt.	Salem and Selo.....	2	60	44	65	3					1				\$ 5 00	Salem, Oregon.	
G. Hafner.	First Ger. Ref'd.....	1	101	89	50	24	17	5	6	1	2				133 00	1084 00	Portland, Oregon.
H. Lisman.	Meridian.....	1	79	45	49	1	7	4			1				40 87	477 56	Stafford, Oregon.
Theodore Wartmann.	West Union.....	1	6	270	197	188	24	11	6	1	4				\$ 175 87	3205 16	East Portland, Ore.
5.																	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, A.D. 1897.

CLASSES.	No. of Ministers.			No. of Congregations.			Members.			Additions.			Losses.			Contributions	
				Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re-profession.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths—Burial of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Studies for Ministry	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Zion's.....	12	24	4803	3796	2569	312	36	251	163	82	69	143	186	92	12	\$ 4115 00	\$ 18323 00
Maryland.....	19	63	9438	7670	5179	599	49	460	261	189	143	101	49	13	6	32327 00	50980 00
Mercersburg.....	19	26	2460	2562	1625	130	92	170	132	70	101	49	13	6	6	5622 00	22373 72
Virginia.....	17	33	2478	1991	1296	80	27	82	38	24	15	46	13	1	8	2230 83	9908 00
North Carolina.....	20	43	3317	2710	1431	148	39	177	83	40	102	49	8	3	8	1480 00	7246 00
Gettysburg.....	13	29	5783	5136	3771	298	16	229	119	52	11	80	60	12	6	2480 00	22492 00
Caroline.....	12	21	2451	2119	1088	96	41	153	77	52	43	42	17	6	6	2129 96	11331 26
Juniata.....	21	60	6083	5648	3230	267	66	294	177	126	17	86	46	7	7	5613 00	19156 00
Portland-Oregon.....	9	27	137	138	37	24	11	11	11	1	1	4	4	1	1	178 87	206 16
Synod of Potomac (Total).....	9	164	38060	32377	1974	368	1821	1032	621	482	616	312	64	12	12	\$ 57191 35	\$ 160015 15
Eastern Synod.....	12	288	536	35701	78960	50898	5783	577	4712	2732	1482	1894	1890	998	107	92086 00	435353 00
Ohio Synod.....	6	133	232	22490	19032	6884	853	678	1683	1080	631	9	746	247	98	17776 00	111263 00
Synod of Pittsburg.....	5	82	137	17039	14944	8617	900	117	706	611	400	210	119	15	15	26274 00	94068 00
Synod of the Northwest.....	10	153	222	21927	18564	16986	1910	42	1186	1017	328	4	540	68	30	18394 00	99879 00
German Synod of the East.....	6	63	66	15196	12867	8696	2026	18	751	706	117	663	497	9	9	10222 00	53381 00
Central Synod.....	5	90	109	13897	14976	11477	1083	78	959	561	113	3	790	304	27	27	15948 00
Synod of the Interior.....	4	53	67	3138	2906	1479	148	81	149	204	79	24	16	6	6	4680 00	17153 00
	66	1040	1653	231612	190339	124491	14656	1983	11847	9900	3746	16	5539	4656	1741	\$233139 35	\$1086156 15

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TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church
in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS IN WOODSTOCK, VA.,

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the twenty-fifth and continued until the afternoon of the thirty-first day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in the Reformed Church of Woodstock, Shenandoah county, Va., on Tuesday evening, October 25th, A. D. 1898, at 7.30 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. J. D. Miller, from 1 Samuel 2:30—"Them that honor me I will honor."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—Hiram J. Hillegass, Aaron Spangler, H. M. John Klein, Charles P. Kehl.⁵

Elder.—Israel Laucks.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—William Goodrich, Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Henry F. Dittmar, Lloyd E. Coblentz, Samuel M. Roeder, William C. Sykes, K. Otis Spessard, Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D., Hiram J. Macalister, Calvin S. Slagle, Cyrus Cort, D.D., Alexander Bateman, Conrad Clever, D.D.⁵

Elders.—John Gassman, Jacob H. Cost, Lewis R. Schnebly, Atvill Conner, Abraham H. Geiman, Andrew A. Hammar, I. Reynolds Hoffman, Oliver A. Haines, Cyrus Dellinger, Goldsborough S. Griffith, Prof. Joseph H. Apple.⁷

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—Henry N. Bassler, William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D., Christian Gumbert, Charles M. Smith, George B. Russell, D.D., Albert H. Hibshman.³

Elders.—Thomas G. Zarger, Joseph Fuss, Edward Folsonger.³

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—R. Raymond Jones, J. Silor Garrison, J. Philip Harner, Abraham D. Wolfinger, Lewis T. Lampe, Henry Ditzler.

Elders.—Jacob Z. Favel, John S. Crawn, James H. Myers, Theodore H. Davis.³

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—Jacob C. Leonard, B.D., James D. Andrew.

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Milton M. Noacher, John C. Bowman, D.D., J. Marion Mickly, Peter E. Heimer,³ John F. Mackley, M.D.,⁶ Francis S. Lindaman.⁷

Elders.—Abraham J. Guise, William J. Feezer, George W. Weaver, Abraham Hoke,³ George W. Hartman,⁴ Joseph Gelbach.⁵

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—J. David Miller, Titus C. Strock, James M. Mullan, Henry H. Ranck.

Elders.—Robert C. Shulenberger, William H. Rice, Joseph Wolf.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Irwin W. Hendricks, Charles H. Slinghoff, William H. Landis, Homer S. May, Louis C. Harnish, Frederick A. Rupley, D.D., Simon U. Waugaman.⁵

Elders.—Robert C. Smith, Daniel G. Neff, Amos Bridenstine, Solomon B. Mock, J. Scott Corle, McClelland R. Diehl,³ Jackson L. Grove.⁵

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the sessions at which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick occupied the seat of Rev. A. H. Hibshman during the first two and sixth and seventh sessions of the Synod, and that of Rev. H. N. Bassler during the eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh sessions; Rev. E. R. Deatrick that of Rev. C. Clever during the first four and last two sessions of the Synod; and Revs. J. A. Hoffheins and J. May the seats of Revs. R. R. Jones and A. D. Wolfinger during the closing session of the Synod.

Revs. W. C. Schaeffer and J. C. Bowman obtained leave of absence on Saturday afternoon, and Revs. M. M. Noacher, J. F. Mackley, T. C. Strock, H. S. May, and Elders I. R. Hoffman, J. S. Crown, A. J. Guise, J. Gelbach, and G. W. Weaver on Monday.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Zion's Classis.—Rev. Henry H. Apple.

Maryland Classis.—Revs. Simon S. Miller, E. Ranson Deatrick, B. D., Barton R. Carnahan, Atvill Conner.

Mercersburg Classis.—Rev. William M. Deatrick, D.D., Licentiate William M. Irvine, Ph.D.

Virginia Classis.—Revs. H. St. John Rinker, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Nehemiah H. Skyles, Josiah May, James B. Stonesifer, Albert B. Bauman, Elder John E. Roller.

Gettysburg Classis.—Elders George N. Forney, Jacob H. Schriver.

Carlisle Classis.—Revs. Samuel N. Callender, D.D., R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.

Juniata Classis.—Rev. Calvin B. Heller.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Adam C. Whitmer, T. M. Yundt, Rufus W. Miller, Cyrus J. Musser.

Pittsburg Synod.—Revs. Eugene P. Skyles, David A. Souder, Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher, D.D., Ambrose M. Schmidt.

Central Synod.—Rev. John H. Stepler, D.D.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Revs. H. H. Kennedy and J. C. Stump, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. A. A. J. Bushong, of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the

Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *President*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

Rev. J. T. Rossiter, *Vice President*, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. H. N. Bassler, *Corresponding Secretary*, St. Thomas, Pa.

Rev. I. W. Hendricks, *Reading Clerk*, Bedford Pa.

Elder G. N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as limited to the first nine pews from the chancel railing. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning sessions to open at 9 and close at 11:30 o'clock; the afternoon sessions to begin at 2 and end at 4:30 o'clock; and the evening services to commence at 7:30 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. N. H. Skyles, H. Ditzler, J. T. Rossiter, and Elders J. Z. Fravel, J. S. Crown.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, H. F. Dittmar, A. Spangler, and Elders A. J. Guise, J. Fuss.

Overtures.—Revs. H. H. Ranck, I. W. Hendricks, S. M. Roeder, and Elders R. C. Shulenberger, L. R. Schnebly.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. E. R. Deatrick, J. C. Leonard, M. M. Noacher, and Elders R. C. Smith, W. H. Rice.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. F. A. Rupley, W. Goodrich, H. M. J. Klein, and Elders A. H. Geiman, J. Wolf.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. J. D. Miller, L. T. Lampe, J. M. Mickly, and Elders T. G. Zarger, Atvill Conner.

Education.—Revs C. Cort, C. Gumbert, A. D. Wolfinger, and Elders W. J. Feezer, J. S. Corle.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. L. C. Harnish, K. O. Spessard, H. N. Bassler, and Elders J. H. Myers, O. A. Haines.

Missions.—Revs. J. P. Harner, H. J. Macalister, J. D. Andrew, and Elders S. B. Mock, C. Dellinger.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. H. J. Hillegass, W. C. Sykes, R. R. Jones, and Elders G. W. Weaver, A. A. Hammar.

Publication.—Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, A. F. Dreisbach, J. C. Bowman, and Elders I. R. Hoffman, I. Laucks.

Finance.—Revs. L. E. Coblentz, T. C. Strock, G. B. Russell, and Elders J. Gassman, J. Gelbach.

Nominations.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, J. S. Garrison, J. M. Mullan, and Elders J. H. Cost, G. S. Griffith.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. C. H. Slinghoff, A. Bate-man, H. S. May, and Elders D. G. Neff, A. Bridenstine.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the General Board of Home Missions, the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Wednesday Evening.—Rev. L. E. Coblentz to preside. Liturgical Services by Revs. H. S. May and H. H. Ranck. First Topic, "Ministerial Relief." Speakers, Revs. S. S. Miller and F. A. Rupley. Second Topic, "Orphan Homes." Speaker, Rev. T. M. Yundt.

Thursday Evening.—Liturgical Services by Revs. K. O. Spessard and L. T. Lampe. Topic, "Foreign Missions." Speakers, Revs. S. N. Callender and A. F. Dreisbach.

Friday Evening.—Rev. J. C. Leonard to preside. Liturgical Services by Revs. G. B. Russell and W. Goodrich. Topic, "Education." Speakers, Revs. A. M. Schmidt, J. H. Apple, and J. C. Bowman.

Saturday Afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.—Preparatory Services. Liturgical Services by Revs. J. M. Mickly and C. S. Slagle. Sermon by Rev. C. Cort.

Saturday Evening.—Rev. S. M. Roeder to preside. Liturgical services by Revs. J. D. Andrew and J. M. Mullan. Topic, "The Sunday-School." Speakers, Revs. L. C. Har-nish, P. E. Heimer, and R. W. Miller.

Sunday Morning, at 11 o'clock.—Holy Communion. Liturgical Services by Revs. W. M. Deatrick, F. A. Rupley, and T. F. Hoffmeier. Sermon by Rev. J. T. Rossiter.

Sunday Afternoon at 3 o'clock.—Sunday-school Service. Superintendent N. B. Schmidt presiding. Addresses by Revs. J. C. Leonard, I. W. Hendricks, and G. B. Russell.

Sunday Evening.—Rev. E. R. Deatrick to preside. Topic, "Home Missions." Speakers, Revs. A. C. Whitmer and H. M. J. Klein.

Lutheran Church.—Sunday Morning. Sermon by Rev. S. S. Miller. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. K. O. Spessard.

Methodist Church.—Sunday morning. Sermon by Rev. J. F. Mackley. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. H. J. Mac-alister.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning. Sermon by Rev. J. C. Leonard. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

African Methodist Church.—Sunday morning. Sermon by Rev. H. F. Dittmar. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. C. H. Slinghoff.

Reformed Church of Edinburg.—Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins.

Reformed Church of Harrisville.—Sunday morning.

Sermon by Rev. H. H. Apple. Sunday evening. Sermon by Rev. C. J. Musser.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. SKYLES, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of the Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after a careful inspection of them, to report the following items, in our judgment, as claiming the notice and consideration of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 7. A Standing Committee on Investing and Auditing Endowment Fund is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee Rev. T. J. Barkley is chairman.

Item 2, page 7. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the present sessions of the Synod; of which committee Rev. G. P. Stern is chairman.

Item 3, page 16. The Portland-Oregon Classis is dismissed to the Synod of the Northwest.

Item 4, page 40. A committee is appointed to aid the President of the Woman's College to secure the contemplated endowment of said institution; of which committee Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., is chairman.

Item 5, page 41. The special committee appointed to co-operate in the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College is continued, of which Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is Chairman.

Item 6, page 42. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College,

two members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, and two members of the Board of Visitors of the same institution, in place of those whose terms of office will shortly terminate, and one member also of the last named Board to fill the vacancy therein caused by the death of the Rev. J. O. Miller.

Item 7, page 51. The "Reformed Church Tidings" is commended anew to the attention of our Classes, with instructions.

Item 8, page 51. The Classes are requested to call the attention of their pastors and pastoral charges to the importance of the Schlatter Memorial Building Fund.

Item 9, page 52. The Synod earnestly requests the Classes to assume the whole amount apportioned upon them for Foreign Missions, to urge all their charges to pay their full apportionments, and commends anew the cause of Foreign Missions to their sympathies, prayers and liberal support.

Item 10, page 52. It becomes the duty of the Synod to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the places of those whose terms of service expire with the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 11, page 55. Apportionments are made upon the several Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Calvin College, Catawba College, Contingent Fund of Synod, and Contingent Fund of General Synod.

Item 12, page 56. Certain arrearages are noted as still existing on apportionments for the Contingent Fund of the Synod, Contingent Fund of the General Synod, and for Chicago Mission Church.

Item 13, page 57. Certain instructions are given to the Treasurer of Synod with reference to furnishing a bond as such.

Item 14, page 58. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees, to fill the place of the one whose term of service will end on the first of next January.

Item 15, page 59. Certain instructions are given to the Classes with reference to obtaining complete and accurate statistics from their Sunday-school, and giving of all the offerings of Children's Day to Sunday-school Missions.

Item 16, page 66. The Stated Clerk is directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1897 published.

Item 17, page 66. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Reformed Church Publication Board to fill the vacancy that will occur in said Board next January.

Item 18, page 69. The special attention of the several

Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

Item 19, page 70. The Classes are directed to send down certain specified resolutions of the Synod to each of their pastoral charges, with reference to a proper observance of the Lord's Day, to be read from their pulpits by each pastor, accompanying the reading of the resolutions with a sermon, or such remarks as will make them most effective.

Item 20, page 72. As commemorative of the Sesqui-Centennial of the Organization of the Cœtus, in 1747, the Stated Clerk is directed to have certain cuts made, and have copies of them inserted in the Minutes of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on items 1, 12, and 13, see Article XV., Finance; on item 2, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; on item 3, see Article IX., Overtures; on items 4 and 5, see Article XIII., Education; items 6, 10, 14, and 17 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, and 19, see Article X., Minutes of Classes; on item 16, see Article XX., Publication, and on item 20, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and disposed of item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A communication from the Stated Clerk of the Pittsburgh Synod, reporting its action on the unification of our publication interests.

Item 2. A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Education, overturing the Synod as to the propriety of requiring its beneficiary students to furnish beneficiary bonds in future, as it has done in the past. Secondly, to change Rule 6, touching the reception of applicants for beneficiary aid.

Item 3. A communication from the Superintendent of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, calling the attention of the Synod to the needs of the Home.

Item 4. An official communication from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Northwest, informing the Synod, that the Portland-Oregon Classis had been received and enrolled by said Synod.

Item 5. A booklet by Rev. Hiram King, entitled, "Infant Baptism, Normal to the Gospel."

Item 6. A communication from the Consistory of St. Paul's Reformed Church (English) of Baltimore, Md., extending a cordial invitation to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in its church, the other seven English Reformed churches of Baltimore joining in the invitation.

Item 7. A communication from the Recording Secretary of the General Synod's Sunday-school Board, announcing that said Board has been complying with the overture from this Synod as found recorded in last year's Minutes, page 59.

Item 8. A communication from the President and Stated Clerk of the Eastern Synod officially informing this Synod, that said Synod had elected the Rev. George W. Richards to the Chair of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and also inviting this Synod to appoint a representative to participate in the inauguration services of the Professor-elect.

Item 9. A letter from the Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach, embodying certain requests from the Rev. George M. Zacharias, now in Holland, along with his report to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. RANCK, *Chairman.*

Item 1 was simply placed on record. For the action of Synod on items 2, 3 and 9, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; items 4 and 7 were adopted; the invitation in item 6 was accepted, see Article XXIV., Adjournment. For the action of Synod on item 8, see Article XIII., Education. The booklet in item 5 was received with thanks, and ordered placed in the archives of the Synod.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes for the past year have been placed in our hands. From them the following items claiming your consideration have been obtained, namely:

I.—Irregularities.

1. The Stated Clerk of Zion's Classis failed to provide marginal notes, as required by the rule of Synod.
2. The Stated Clerk of Carlisle Classis also failed in the same particular.
3. The Minutes of Juniata Classis are not on *legal cap* paper, nor are the pages numbered, as required by Synod's rules.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

4. Zion's Classis asks to be exonerated from \$21.00 on Catawba College apportionment, this amount being interest on \$350.00, raised within the bounds of the Classis for the endowment of Catawba College.
5. North Carolina Classis asks Synod to excuse it from the payment of the apportionments for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, for the Theological Seminary and for Calvin College.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

There are none.

IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

6. Zion's Classis took favorable action on all the subjects referred to it, but appropriated \$600.00 of the amount assumed for Home Missions to the support of a mission in York, not enrolled by the Board of Missions.
7. Maryland Classis declined to recommend that all the offerings on Children's Day be given to the Sunday-school Missionary Work, and took favorable action on all other matters.
8. Mercersburg Classis adopted all of the recommendations of Synod except the apportionments for Work among the Germans, for the Theological Seminary, and \$100.00 of that for Beneficiary Education.
9. Virginia Classis approved Synod's recommendations, except that it assumed only \$225.00 for Home Missions, \$200.00 for Beneficiary Education, \$20.00 for Theological Seminary, \$50.00 for Catawba College, and nothing for Work Among the Germans, instead of the amounts apportioned for those objects.
10. North Carolina Classis took favorable action on all

matters referred, with the exception of apportionments which were modified as indicated in item 5, and as follows: Home Missions, \$300.00; Foreign Missions, \$200.00.

11. Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata Classes accepted and approved all the items referred to them, except that the last named assumed but \$225.00 of the apportionment for Beneficiary Education.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

12. Zion's Classis licensed Frederick C. Seitz and George W. Shellenberger and ordained him, ordained Licentiate A. Theodore Wright, and received Licentiate A. Theodore Wright and Rev. Henry H. Apple from the Philadelphia Classis; and dismissed licentiate F. C. Seitz to East Susquehanna Classis.

13. Maryland Classis received Revs. John W. Pontius and Eugene L. McLean from Juniata Classis, and Rev. Amos O. Reiter and St. Paul's Reformed congregation, Ridgely, Md., from Philadelphia Classis.

14. Mercersburg Classis received Rev. Christian Gumbert from the Clarion Classis.

15. Virginia Classis received Rev. Ellis S. Hay from Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, and dismissed Licentiate Charles A. Bushong to West Susquehanna Classis, Rev. Lewis Reiter to Clarion Classis, and Rev. Calvin B. Heller to Juniata Classis.

16. North Carolina Classis ordained Licentiate Jacob N. Faust after receiving him from Goshenhoppen Classis, received Rev. Charles H. Rudesel from Ursinus Classis, Rev. Wm. A. Long, Ph.D., from Juniata Classis, and Rev. L. M. Kershner from East Pennsylvania Classis.

17. Gettysburg Classis ordained Licentiate Whorton A. Kline.

18. Carlisle Classis received Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D., from West Susquehanna Classis, and dismissed Rev. Henry E. Hibschan to the Presbytery of New Brunswick of the Presbyterian Church.

19. Juniata Classis ordained Licentiates Paul S. Leinbach, Gustav R. Poetter and Charles P. Wehr; received Licentiate Paul S. Leinbach from Lebanon Classis, Licentiate G. R. Poetter from the German Maryland Classis, Licentiate C. P. Wehr, from Lehigh Classis, and Revs. Edward M. Beck from Tuscarawas Classis, and Calvin B. Heller from Virginia Classis; dismissed Rev. Wm. A. Long, Ph.D., to Classis of North Carolina, John W. Pontius and Eugene L. McLean to Maryland Classis, Henry E. Jones to Miami Classis, Edward F. Wiest to Philadelphia Classis, and Licentiate Adolphus Walker to Somerset Classis, Synod of Pittsburgh.

VI.—Places and Times of Next Annual Meetings.

20. Zion's Classis will meet in St. John's Reformed Church of Red Lion, Pa., May 16th, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m. Rev. G. P. Fisher, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; Elder J. Deisinger, *Treasurer*.

21. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Jefferson, Md., Wednesday, May 3d, A.D., 1899, at 7.30 o'clock, P. M., Rev. H. F. Dittmar, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk*; Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

22. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Williamson, Franklin county, Pa., Monday, May 1st, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. I. N. Peightel, *President*; Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

23. Virginia Classis will meet in St. John's Church of the Middlebrook charge, Augusta county, Va., Wednesday, May 10, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. B. Stonesifer, *President*; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

24. North Carolina Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Salisbury, N. C., Thursday, May 11th, A.D. 1899, at 8 o'clock P. M. Rev. Paul Barringer, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; Elder M. J. Rouse, *Treasurer*.

25. Gettysburg Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Arendtsville, Adams county, Pa., Friday, May 12th, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 P. M. Rev. J. F. Mackley, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

26. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of New Bloomfield, Perry county, Pa., on Wednesday, May 11th, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. T. C. Strock, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

27. Juniata Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of McConelstown, Pa., May 18th, A.D. 1899, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. Rev. S. U. Waugaman, *President*; Rev. L. Robb, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

E. R. DEATRICK, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 7, 12 to 27, inclusive, were severally adopted. In regard to the request in item 4, it was, *Resolved*, That the Synod respectfully directs the attention of Zion's Classis to the fact that its request is premature, inasmuch as the benefit of its payments will not be realized for the college for the year now closed, and that therefore the request cannot be granted. The request in item 5 was not granted. Items 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 were referred to a special committee, composed of Revs. A. F. Dreisbach, P. E. Heimer, and Elder J. Wolf, for consideration. This committee subsequently reported the following action, which was adopted:

Resolved, That no Classis has a moral right to divert any apportionments, or part thereof, made to carry forward the

organized work of the Church, and apply it to its own local interests, unless by the express permission of the Synod.

Resolved, That all the Classes anew be earnestly requested to accept their full apportionments, and give the people an opportunity to contribute towards the objects for which they are made.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. RUPLEY, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of the Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

REVEREND FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times give thanks to the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost for His bounties and blessings vouchsafed unto us. We would at this time especially lift up our hearts unto Him in grateful praise for His gracious presence and benediction to His Church, and His people, during the synodical year now ending. Although the dark cloud of war has hovered over our nation, and brought distress in its cruel track; yet we would rejoice and give thanks to the God of Battles that this cloud has been, in a measure, dispelled, and that there is a prospect of lasting peace between these United States and Spain.

While disease and death have been abroad in the land, cutting down many of all ages, decimating the ranks of the Church and State, we thank the Great Head of the Church, that our lives have been precious in His sight, and that we are permitted to assemble here as a Synod to transact business per-

taining to the upbuilding of His kingdom, and the advancement of His glory in the earth.

While sin and vice have been rampant in the earth, and while the Evil One has been active in his work of trying to undermine the faith of God's people, and to lead them away from the Church, we thank God that the Holy Spirit has been active also in convicting and convincing the children of men of their misdeeds, and leading them by His grace, through the blessed ordinances of the Church of the Redeemer into intimate communion and fellowship with Christ:—bringing them back into the Father's house and kingdom, established and instituted on the day of Pentecost, and perpetuated with unbroken succession unto the present.

The several reports which have come up to us from the Classes, comprising this Synod, all speak of faithfulness on the part of the shepherds of the flocks in caring for both the sheep and the lambs committed to their care. These reports tell us of the catechizing of the young, and the bringing them, by the solemn rite of confirmation, and the laying on of hands, into full communion and membership with the Church. They tell of the visitation of the sick, the burial of the dead, the comforting of the bereaved, the administration of the sacraments;—and the blessed enjoyment which these means of grace bring to both pastor and people,—proving a bond of union and fellowship which to them is of great comfort here, in the Church militant, and which shall be also of unending pleasure and enjoyment in the Church triumphant.

The missionary operations of the Church have been carried forward, by the several Boards in a business-like manner, and are comparatively in a healthy condition; though during the year just closed, this arm of the Church's work has felt the pressure of the financial crisis which is, unfortunately, upon us; but which, great hopes are entertained, will soon be remedied, when peace and prosperity again rule and reign over the land.

In the Educational work of the Synod much has been accomplished in the expenditure of money, for the enlargement and extension of the work, as well as the exercise of labor, in carrying forward, and promoting the great interests of caring for, and in the instruction of the young.

In comparing the statistics of the present year, with those of the past, it will be found, that while there has been an increase in the number of communicants, there has been a decrease in the additions by confirmation and certificate. Last year the whole number of additions was 2,873, while this year, according to the statistical reports from the Classes, they are only 2,464, a falling off of 409. While this is, in a sense discouraging and unaccounted for, the Reports on the State of

Religion and morals, as they come up to us from the Classes of this Synod, all breathe the spirit of loyalty to God and the Church, and speak hopefully for the future. It behooves us, as watchmen on the tower of Zion, to be vigilant and zealous in duty and service, to which God in His Providence has called us: and with God's help, labor more earnestly during the coming year to break down the kingdom of Satan, and build up the Church and kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ; that precious souls may be won for the Master. Let us labor while it is day, for the night of death cometh, wherein no man can work.

And now, while the health of the ministers of the Synod has generally been good, permitting them to perform the sacred duties pertaining to their holy office, it is yet the sad duty of your Committee to note the death of one of the Lord's workmen during the year that is past. Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., who was born in Woodstock, Va., and was the honored and loved pastor of Trinity Reformed Church, York, Pa., for a period of forty-five (45) years, was suddenly stricken down on the Lord's Day, while making preparations for entering his pulpit to preach the everlasting Word. He was twice called to preside over the deliberations of this Synod. Having honored the Lord in his life and service, he is now, we confidently believe, enjoying the rich fruits of his labors, in the Master's presence and kingdom.

Grateful to God the Father for our creation, the Son for our redemption, and the Holy Ghost for our sanctification, it becomes us to render praise and thanksgiving, honor and dominion to Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us: that finally we might attain to the saints everlasting rest.

In this faith and in this hope, let us each be ready to receive every command, and to fulfil every duty which the blessed Master lays upon us: and while we enjoin upon all our Lord's commission to His apostles: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel: and be zealous in it;" so we would invoke upon all the apostle's benediction, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all."

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman.*

For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday morning, which

was received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education begs leave through its Treasurer, to present the following annual report, for the year ending October 1st, 1898.

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report, namely: Rev. William C. Cremer, *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*, and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Treasurer*.

The Board held its regular annual meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., July 20th, 1898, when the organization for the year took place, the grade papers of the beneficiary students were carefully examined, showing their progress, and the annual appropriations were made for the present academic year. The Board was pained to learn that the average grade of four or five of its beneficiaries was below that of the average grade of the respective class in the college to which they respectively belong. Believing that the funds of the Church should only be given to young men, as beneficiary students, who lack neither in mental ability, nor in faithful, earnest application to their studies, or in both particulars, the Board instructed its President to address solemn, admonitory letters to each of the delinquents, warning them to be more earnest and faithful to their duties, else they would have to be dropped from the list of our beneficiary students. The large majority of the Board's beneficiaries, we are pleased to know, are striving to be faithful to their studies, and stand well in the different classes in college to which they belong.

The operations of the Board have been carried forward, during the past year, with a fair degree of prosperity and success, as the Treasurer's Report will show. The appropriations to the beneficiary students under our care have been paid, but unfortunately not as promptly as they were needed, and should have been paid, owing to the lack of funds at the time. Too many of our pastors neglect lifting their collections for this arm of church work until near the time of the annual meeting of the Classes, apparently forgetting that the beneficiary students are not in a position to wait for their stipends until the close of the academic year. The funds should be in the treasury of the Board, so that payments can be made to them regularly in each of the three sessions in the college year, and so avoid trouble and worry to the young men as well as to the Treasurer.

Three of the beneficiary students under our care and su-

pervision have completed their studies, namely: George W. Beaver, Frederick C. Seitz, and George W. Shellenberger. They were licensed last May, and have since entered upon the active work of the holy ministry. Mr. Beaver is pastor of a charge, in the Ohio Synod, Mr. Seitz, of one in the Eastern Synod, and Mr. Shellenberger is serving a pastoral charge in our own Synod.

Two young men were enrolled as beneficiary students, namely: Joshua L. Bowers, a graduate of Catawba College, who has entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and Charles E. Myers, at the request of the Gettysburg Classis, and who is supported for the present year by special contributions from Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, Pa. Thirty beneficiary students have been aided in their studies by the Board, during the year to the amount of \$3,416.44. At present, twenty-seven beneficiary students are on our list, who hold their Classical connection as follows: Gettysburg Classis, 6; Maryland Classis, 5; Mercersburg Classis, 4; Carlisle Classis, 4; Juniata Classis, 3; Zion's Classis, 3; Virginia Classis, 1; and North Carolina Classis, 1. They are Moses A. Kieffer, William G. Klein, and Nevin L. Weidner, *Seminary Seniors*; John W. Gilds, Charles B. Rebert, and Scott R. Wagner, *Seminary Middlers*; Joshua L. Bowers, W. Stuart Cramer, John S. Heffner, John K. McKee, and William A. Kepner, *Seminary Juniors*; Robert L. Bair, Joseph E. Guy, John H. Smith, and Charles A. Waltman, *College Seniors*; Blanchard A. Black, Frederick A. Cook, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, Charles B. Heinly, and John E. Stone, *College Juniors*; John Alexander, Henry W. Kochenderfer, Vernon S. Rice, and Chalmers W. Walck, *College Sophomores*; and Howard R. Miller and Charles E. Myers, *College Freshmen*. It may be proper to state, that seventeen of the above-named are connected with the institutions at Lancaster, Pa., and ten of them with the Collegeville institutions.

The Board of Education, at its late annual meeting, took action requesting former beneficiary students, when possible, to refund the moneys paid them by the Board, in order to lessen the heavy annual apportionments made upon the several Classes for this arm of church work.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the following sums as received for Beneficiary Education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them when there have been two or more contributions from the same pastoral charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where offerings have been given by them, so as to present the sum total contributed

by each pastoral charge, except in the case of those Classes where the sources of the contributions were not specified.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Gettysburg Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, \$450.00; and Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, \$200.00. Making \$650.00.

Mercersburg Classis.—First Church of Chambersburg, \$85.00; Greencastle Church, \$79.37; Waynesboro Charge, \$70.00; Shippensburg Church, \$70.00; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, \$65.00; Mercersburg Charge, \$55.00; Grindstonehill Charge, \$45.00; Second Church of Chambersburg, \$30.00; Loudon Charge, \$15.00; Middleburg Church, \$10.00; Mont Alto Charge, \$8.00; St. Thomas Charge, \$7.00; McConnellsburg Charge, \$5.00; interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy, \$12.00, and refunded by a former beneficiary (R.) \$30.00. Making \$586.37.

Maryland Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, \$493.27; Rev. J. W. Santee, \$10.00, and refunded by a former beneficiary (D.), \$25.00. Making \$528.27.

Juniata Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified,
\$519.73.

Zion's Classic.—First Church of York, \$140.00; Paradise Charge, \$100.00; Trinity Charge, \$80.00; Shrewsbury Charge, \$48.27; Heidelberg Church of York, \$41.25; Kreutz Creek Charge, \$36.36; Glen Rock Charge, \$26.83; Grace Church, of York, \$15.40; St. John's Charge, \$9.48; and Mount Pleasant Charge, \$3.85. Making \$501.44.

Carlisle Classic.—Zion's Charge, \$78.00; Carlisle Church, \$55.00; Newport Charge, \$50.00; Landisburg Charge, \$48.33; Mechanicsburg Church, \$39.00; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$32.50; Duncannon Charge, \$32.00; Newburg Church, \$20.20, and New Bloomfield Church, \$13.00. Making \$368.03.

Virginia Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, \$200.00.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 1st, 1897.....	\$338	35
Received from Gettysburg Classis.....	650	00
“ “ Mercersburg Classis.....	586	37
“ “ Maryland Classis.....	528	27
“ “ Juniata Classis.....	519	73
“ “ Zion's Classis.....	501	44
“ “ Carlisle Classis.....	368	03
“ “ Virginia Classis.....	200	00
Total receipts.....	\$3,692	19

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

Paid to beneficiary students of Gettysburg Classis.....	\$850 00
" " Mercersburg Classis.....	565 00

Paid to beneficiary students of Zion's Classis.....	501 44
" " " Maryland Classis.....	500 00
" " " Juniata Classis.....	450 00
" " " Carlisle Classis.....	450 00
" " " Virginia Classis.....	50 00
" " " North Carolina Classis.....	50 00
Postage, stationery and revenue stamps.....	4 45
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1898.....	271 30

Making.....\$3,692 19

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer.*

We do hereby certify that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. Wm. M. Deatruck, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and have found the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and payments, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the treasury to be \$271.30, on the first day of October, A.D. 1898.

T. F. HOFFMEIER,
E. R. ESCHBACH,
S. S. MILLER.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday afternoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College beg leave to submit the following report:

We are gratified to be able to report a most successful year. The number of students enrolled for the year ending June, 1898, was one hundred and forty-six; thirty-five of whom finished the course prescribed. At the opening of this year there was a larger attendance than at any previous opening under the present management. There are now in the institution one hundred and forty-eight students. One hundred and twenty-four are boarders, and twenty-four are day scholars.

For the year ending June, 1898, the receipts of the school were \$24,463.05; expenses, including salaries, \$19,588.64; receipts above expenditures, \$4,874.41.

The Board desire to express their appreciation of the interest which the Church is taking in this school, and hope that they may continue to merit your support.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN.

**Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of
Frederick, Md.**

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., begs leave to present the fifth annual report.

Since last Synod, three regular and three special meetings of the Board were held for the transaction of the business entrusted to us.

At our annual meeting in April, 1898, the Board was organized by the re-election of the same officers as last year, viz: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, President; Rev. C. S. Slagle, Secretary, and A. C. McCardell, Treasurer.

Prof. Jos. H. Apple is Treasurer of the Current College Expenses and Financial Agent. Rev. E. R. Eschbach and Wm. H. Lakin, are a committee to advise and co-operate with the Treasurer in the management of the endowment funds of the college.

It affords us pleasure and gratification to report, that on June 2d, 1898, the College closed a successful year of work, and had a larger patronage than ever before.

By a reference to the catalogue, (copies of which are herewith submitted) it will be seen that there were enrolled 158 students, of which number 65 were boarders.

There were 14 regular graduates in the various courses of the literary department upon whom were conferred the several degrees to which their work entitled them, and six students were awarded the certificate of the Music Department.

The commencement exercises were of an interesting character and largely attended.

The first five-year lease of the college has terminated, and we have rounded a period in our history. These years have been in a sense preparatory to the advanced position and enlarged sphere we now occupy. They may also be regarded as having been probationary. We point with satisfaction to the past and confidently refer to our Alumnæ as exponents of the character and merit of the work done.

For the year ending June 2, 1898, the gross receipts of the College were \$16,630.28.

The expenses, including rent, salaries, repairs and wear and tear of equipment were \$15,165.59.

The whole amount received since last report from Synod towards equipment, \$370.43. The Endowment Fund has been increased to the amount of \$22,628.92.

The rental of the college plant for the past year has been paid in full.

The report of the Treasurer has been duly examined and audited.

On August 1, 1898, we entered upon a second period of our lease of the college plant, which is for a term of ten years, the conditions of which are modified, so that in addition to the \$1,000 money rental hitherto paid, an additional "\$500 shall be applied for tuition for pupils, at our usual rates," said pupils to be selected by the Frederick Female Seminary Board.

Since our last report we have secured the privilege of an extension of the present lease for an additional ten years after the expiration, August 1st, 1908, by the further endorsement of the lease, as follows: "May 31, 1898. By order of the Board the option is hereby granted the lessee herein above named of a further extension of the foregoing lease for ten years from August 1st, 1908, upon the terms last above mentioned.

"Witness the hand and seal of the President of the Board of Trustees of Frederick Female Seminary.

CHAS. E. TRAIL, (Seal)
President of the Board."

This secures to us the uninterrupted occupancy of the present plant up to August 1, 1918, if we desire to retain possession of the same.

The capacity of the present buildings has been materially enlarged during our occupancy, but the accommodations were still inadequate. Your Board has therefore in accordance with the authority given us one year ago, leased from August 1, 1898, for five years, with the privilege of an additional five years, from the Evangelical Reformed Church, of Frederick, Maryland, a large three-story, eighteen-room, brick building, situated a few rods west of the other college buildings, for an annual rent of \$340.

Before being transferred to us, it was thoroughly equipped with a hot water plant, wiring for electric light, bathing facilities for those living there, and brightened up throughout with fresh paper and paint, at a cost of over \$1,000. It will be known in the group of college buildings as Conservatory Hall.

In the expansion of our work, changes have taken place, some of which deserve to be here mentioned.

The Music Department has been transferred to Conservatory Hall and developed into the proportions of a Conservatory of Music, second only to those of the largest cities. It is in charge of Prof. Maurice G. Beckwith, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and of Central College of Music, London. He is proving himself already to be a competent and skillful director. All the teachers formerly employed in the department have been retained, making a total of five, and all are busily engaged in the work of instructing the large enrollment of music students.

The Art Department has been transferred to the third sto-

ry of Conservatory Hall, and given three large, bright, cheery and connecting rooms. It continues in charge of Miss Doub, who for the past five years has given entire satisfaction and is a teacher of rare talent, skill and experience. Two instructors assist her in conducting the work of the department.

The Primary Department has been transferred to the first floor of Conservatory Hall, into comfortable, convenient and attractive quarters. It is in charge of Miss Mary R. M. Harbison, an experienced and successful teacher.

The Physical Laboratory has been given the rooms formerly occupied by the Art Department, where it is proposed, as soon as means are available, to make satisfactory provision for that branch of science.

The College Library has been placed in the room occupied by the Primary Department, which has been permanently shelved for the reception of books.

An automatic Electric Program Clock, which simultaneously rings the signals in all the college buildings, has been added to the equipment.

Additional apparatus has been added to the Gymnasium, and in its dressing room two shower baths and a tub bath have been placed.

A Post Office with lock boxes, for students and teachers, has been arranged, which adds to the convenience and satisfaction of all concerned.

The position of steward has been created, and a man whose whole time is given to the college, has been secured, and with his family resides in the east wing of Conservatory Hall.

Important additions and several necessary changes have been made in the Faculty. It is the aim of the management to maintain the highest standard and to strengthen the different departments as far as possible.

The Faculty consists, in addition to Prof Apple, the President, and Miss Alice D. Jenkins, Lady Principal, of a corps of *twelve Professors* and *ten instructors and lecturers*, all of them experienced, proficient and successful in their several lines.

This extension has materially increased our expenses, because of a larger Faculty and additional equipment, and the addition of another building, for the year upon which we have now entered.

The college resumed its work on September 5, 1898, under most favorable auspices. The enrollment at this date is in excess of any previous year at a corresponding date, being about 30 per cent. ahead of last year.

When we consider that the college has now existed but five years, and that when President Apple took charge, it was

without Faculty, without patronage and with but limited equipment, and that these years have been marked by financial depression, and that now we have under our control expanded buildings, well equipped, with modern conveniences, an experienced and efficient Faculty, and a patronage that fills our rooms with boarding students, we have reason to congratulate the Church on what has been done.

We say with confidence, here is an institution under the care of the Synod of the Potomac, which not only challenges and deserves your support, but which you can without hesitation recommend to the people of any Church in the land.

Give us your active help in securing the daughters of the families of the Church who go from home for an education and give us a just proportion of the funds that are contributed for educational institutions, toward our further endowment and equipment, and you will thereby enable us to raise our standard, expand our work and increase our efficiency, the results of which will bless our homes, by enriching the lives of the future mothers, who most of all agencies will mould the character of the generations to come.

The time of service of Rev. E. R. Eschbach will expire December 31st, 1898, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President*.

Frederick, Md., Oct. 25, 1898.

In connection with Item 4 of the Report on the Minutes of Synod, a statement was received from Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., chairman of the committee appointed to aid the President of the Woman's College in securing an endowment, stating what has been done, and making certain suggestions in regard to promoting the work of endowment. The paper was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. H. J. Macalister, J. D. Miller, and Elder J. H. Cost. The committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Your special committee to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed by Synod to assist President Apple in procuring an additional endowment for the Woman's College, would report,—

It is with gratification we note the diligent and faithful work of the committee in the performance of its duty in bringing before the people this important enterprise of the Church, and in endeavoring to awaken a more widespread interest in the hearts of the membership at large.

As the result of its labors twenty-three pastoral charges in the Classes of Juniata and Maryland have been visited by

the President and members of the committee, and additional contributions to the Endowment Fund have been secured to the amount of \$1815. This amount, added to that of \$1,000, reported a year ago, making an increase to the fund of \$2,815.

In view of the importance of this undertaking, as embodied in the considerations set forth in the committee's report, the endowment of an institution which through the able management of the President and Directors, has already proven a great success, and which has for its great object, the putting within reach of the daughters of our Church the very best educational advantages, the training of young womanhood for spheres of usefulness in the Church and the home, or as wage-earners in life, we would recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Synod recast the membership of said committee, so that it shall have at least one representative from each Classis, to the end that, by reducing the territory of each member of the committee as at present constituted, the work so worthily undertaken, and so faithfully performed thus far, may be successfully carried on.

Resolved, That the Synod appoint one member each from the Classes of North Carolina, Virginia, Mercersburg and Gettysburg, on said Endowment Committee, these Classes not now being represented.

Resolved, That the Synod request the Classes to instruct the pastors of the several charges, at such times as may be most convenient, to present the claims of the Woman's College in their different congregations, and urge the patronage and assistance of the people in furthering this important interest of our Church.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be hereby instructed to pay to said committee the sum of \$11.20, being the amount due them as expenses to this date, over and above the offerings received from the various congregations visited by them.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. MACALISTER, *Chairman*.

The committee as recast is composed of Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., M. O. Noll, A. S. Weber, H. M. J. Klein, J. P. Harner, J. D. Andrew, A. H. Hibschan and J. M. Mickly.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1897-1898.

1. The institution was opened September 9th, 1897, and was conducted without serious interruption during the entire seminary year.

2. The following persons, eight of whom are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, were admitted to the Junior Class: J. W. Albertson, J. P. Dieffenderfer, A. K. Faust, C. T. Isenberger, R. M. Kern, I. S. Leiby, C. B. Rebert, J. E. Sheetz, S. R. Wagner, W. H. Warner, C. E. Zimmerman. Total, 11.

3. The Middle Class consists of those who in May, 1897, were reported as members of the Junior Class, except that William D. Yearick was admitted on certificate from the School of Theology of the Moravian Church, and Robert F. Reed took his certificate of dismission to Union Theological Seminary, New York. Total, 17.

4. At the end of their middle year Edwin M. Hartman and Thaddeus G. Helm, of the graduating class, were chosen by F. and M. College to take charge of the Academy. At the opening of the current year Thomas L. Bickel, who graduated from F. and M. College in '95, was admitted to the Senior Class on certificate from the Theological Seminary of the Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn.

The following are members of the Senior Class: A. O. Bartholomew, T. L. Bickel, L. M. Fetterolf, G. W. Hartman, P. S. Leinbach, G. R. Poetter, M. E. Schadt, D. E. Schaeffer, F. C. Seitz, W. D. Stoyer, V. J. Tingler. Total, 11. These all passed approved examinations and were granted the regular testimonials.

5. Rev. J. V. George, Reading, Pa., completed the post-graduate course of study, and was recommended, by the College Faculty, to the Board of Trustees of Franklin & Marshall College for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. This recommendation was favorably considered and the degree conferred.

6. The services of Claude B. Davis, A. M., Professor of Oratory in the University of Wooster, Ohio, were secured for the department of elocution during the Winter term. His method of instruction was entirely satisfactory, and the Faculty was authorized to employ him for another year.

7. Three courses of lectures by others than Seminary Professors were arranged by the Faculty. Each course consisted of three lectures, which were delivered by Rev. D. B. Schneider, Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Rev. A. E. Truxal, D.D., and Rev. A. S. Weber. The board reiterated its action of last year on this subject.

8. The tone of spiritual and moral life pervading the body of the students was good, as was also the average grade of the students. No case of serious discipline occurred. The grade of a few students was below good, and called for the following action:

"Resolved that the Faculty be requested to call the

attention of those students who are below the average grade of their respective classes to the fact, and urge them to renewed application."

9. Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., the honored and efficient President of the Board, was called to his rest on April 18th, 1898, after a brief illness. His valuable services for the Church in various departments of work are so well known, and have already received public recognition, that it only remains for us to record the fact of his departure, our appreciation of his labors and our spiritual joy over the victory of his faith. Rev. T. C. Porter, D.D., was elected to fill his place.

10. It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., L.L.D., which occurred on September 17th, 1898. Although the health of Dr. Apple had been impaired several years ago he was better able to attend to his seminary duties during the past year, than during the previous one. It was, however, the last effort of a long, laborious and successful service; and shortly after the opening of this Fall term it became evident that we should lose the labors, if not the presence, of one who by his Christian character and friendly disposition had won the confidence and love, as by his profound thought, clear reasoning and loyalty to truth he had commanded the admiration of those who knew him. The action of the board on the death of Dr. Apple has been published.

Your attention is respectfully called to the vacancy which exists in the chair of Church History and to that clause in the charter which gives to the Eastern Synod the election of a successor, subject to the approval of the Pittsburgh and Potomac Synods.

11. At a special meeting held September 20th the board requested the Faculty of the Seminary to take up and carry forward Dr. Apple's work in such way as they are best able to do so, until his successor is chosen and enters upon his work.

12. Your reverend body is respectfully overturned to vote to the Board of Trustees one hundred and twenty-five (\$125) dollars to pay for instruction in elocution, and sixty (\$60) dollars to defray the expense incident to a supplementary course of lectures.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, PA., September 23, 1898.

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

During the past year the board held two regular and one special meetings.

The special meeting was held February 1st, 1898, at which was received the proposition of Mrs. Barbara Swander, wife of Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., of Tiffin, Ohio, to give to the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, securities amounting to \$12,000, which, however, will not be fully available until after the death of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Swander. The following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, That the thanks of this Board and of the Church are due to Mrs. Barbara Swander and Rev. John I. Swander, D.D., for their noble beneficence to the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., and that the board accept the same with heartfelt gratitude.”

The Treasurer presented his report on the Kansas Investments, which were finally disposed of by the sale of the properties, which the board had been obliged to buy. The action of the Committee on Kansas Investments was approved by the Board, and the Treasurer instructed to make a deduction on the endowment fund of \$2,826.99.

The regular annual meeting was held on May 12th, 1898, when the following officers were elected: President, George N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Skiles; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hess.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The de Peyster Library Building is partly situated on Seminary ground, therefore,

Resolved, That the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, be authorized to grant in fee simple to the authorities of Franklin and Marshall College, fifty feet of ground on College avenue the full depth of the lot for the sum of one dollar.

The attention of the Synod is called to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the various Synods be respectfully requested to take under consideration the question of the payment of the necessary expenses of the members of the Board in their attendance upon the meetings.

The Fall meeting was held in the Seminary building on October 4th, 1898.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion \$1,200 towards the payment of the current expenses of the Seminary, and \$900 in payment of the

extraordinary expenses referred to in the special committee's report, in the following ratio :

Eastern Synod	\$1,050 00
Pittsburgh Synod	350 00
Potomac Synod	700 00

The following action was taken on the death of Thos. G. Apple, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Church History :

Whereas, In the Providence of God, Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D.D., has been removed by death from our Theological Seminary, in which for twenty-seven years he served as Professor of Church History; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Board of Trustees, do hereby sorrowfully make record of his decease, and at the same time express our high appreciation of his many noble virtues as a man and of his eminent abilities and incalculable services as a Christian teacher.

Resolved, That, through our Secretary, a copy of these resolutions be conveyed to the bereaved family, along with the expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS, *Secretary*.

HELLERTOWN, PA., October 4th, 1898.

III.—Treasurer's Report.

Report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Statement of Endowment Fund of Theological Seminary.

1897.	Dr.	
Oct. 1.	For amount of Endowment Fund.....	\$94,718 69
1898.		
June 22.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, as purchase money for fifty feet of ground on College ave- nue, as per action of Seminary Board had May 12, 1898, for.....	1 00
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		\$94,719 69
1898.	Cr.	
Feb. 16.	By authority of the Board of Trustees the following deductions are made, viz:	
	Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. L. Strohm and wife.....	\$2,033 19
	Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. R. A. Richardson and wife.....	543 80
	Loss on Kansas mortgage vs. Isaac Fink	250 00
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		\$2,826 99

1898.
Oct. 1. Amount of Endowment Fund..... \$91,892 70

Current Expense Account.

1898. Dr.
Oct. 1. For sundry incomes and interest received from
Oct. 1, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898..... \$6,143 34

1897. Cr.
Oct. 1. By balance due Treasurer..... \$4,458 13

1898.
Oct. 1. By sundry salary account and bills paid to date. 6,633 97

Oct. 1. Amount Dr. brought down..... \$11,092 10
6,143 34

Oct. 1. Amount due Treasurer..... \$4,948 76

Theological Seminary Aid Fund.

1898. Dr.
Oct. 1. For amount received for Seminary Aid and Elo-
cution from Oct. 9, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898..... \$890 81

1898. Cr.
Oct. 1. By amount charged to Treasurer in Seminary
Current expense account to date..... \$890 81

Library Fund of Theological Seminary.

1898. Dr.
Oct. 1. Amount of Fund is..... \$1,819 96

Oct. 1. For balance due Fund to date..... 137 27

Oct. 1. For interest paid to date..... 65 99

\$203 26

1898. Cr.
Oct. 1. By sundry bills and orders paid to date..... 81 25

Balance due Fund Oct. 1, 1898..... \$122 01

Smalts Fund Account.

1898.
Oct. 1. Amount of Fund is..... \$5,000 00

Dr.
Oct. 1. For interest received to date..... \$250 00

Cr.
Oct. 1. By amount paid John Hertzler,
Treasurer of Beneficiary Board.. \$250 00

William A. Wilt Fund.

Amount of Fund is..... \$833 33

1898.

Oct. 1. For interest on same to date..... \$41 66

and accounted for in Treasurer's
Current Expense Account.**Schaff Prize Fund in Church History.**

Amount of Fund is..... \$2,000 75

1898.

May 1. Interest due Fund to date is..... \$14 95

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

Amount of Fund is..... \$410 47

Jacob Forney Alcove Fund in Seminary Library.

Amount of Fund is..... \$1,000 00

1898.

Oct. 1. By balance due Fund on interest ac-
count \$144 15**Rev. J. C. Bowman Trust Fund for Alcove in Library.**

1898.

Oct. 1. Amount of Fund to Oct. 1, 1898 with all interest
added to principal is..... \$960 00**Henry Wirt Fund. Alcove in Seminary Library.**

Amount of Fund is..... \$1,000 00

1898.

Oct. 1. By balance due Fund to date..... \$103 33

Seminary Class 1894. Alcove Fund in Seminary Library.

1898.

Oct. 1. Sundry notes in hands of Treasurer.. \$721 00

Oct. 1. Cash paid Treas. on account of notes 260 00

\$981 00

Oct. 1. By amount due Fund, interest..... \$10 00

The John Reigel Fund.

Amount of Fund is..... \$15,680 00

1898.

Oct. 1. Notes all paid and income from same accounted
for in Treasurer's Account to Board.**Pittsburg Professorship Fund.**

1897.

Oct. 1. For amount of Fund reported..... \$29,623 19

1898.

Oct. 1. Received additional funds to date..... 241 45

\$29,864 64

Dr.

For interest received on Fund from

Oct. 1, 1897, to Sept. 13, 1898. \$1,646 13

1898.

Cr.

Oct. 1. By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D., as
per vouchers \$1,646 13

SPECIAL.

John D. Skiles and John B. Roth, Committee.

Seminary Grounds and Building Account.

To John B. Roth, Treasurer.

1898.

Dr.

Mar. 21.	For amount paid John W. Musser for grading and removing embankment on Pine street opened through Seminary property as per requirements of city ordinance.....	\$198 79
Apr. 9.	For filling in ground on Lemon street.....	12 54
Apr. 12.	" sodding embankment on Pine street.....	85 20
Apr. 26.	" Jacob Pontz, brick bill.....	28 00
Apr. 26.	" Chas. Kahl, work done.....	10 35
May 5.	" filling in ground on College Avenue.....	26 25
May 7.	" Chas. Kahl, work done.....	2 50
May 14.	" grading and terracing on College Avenue	\$10 00
May 28.	For grading and terracing on College Avenue in full.....	40 00
		<hr/> 50 00
May 17.	For Chas. Kahl, work done.....	2 10
May 24.	" bill for horse lawn-mower for use on Seminary grounds and freight on same.....	63 03
May 28.	For Daniel Boas, bill for sodding on College Avenue	28 20
July 1.	For bill for painting at Professors' houses....	19 00
July 21.	" Filling in on Seminary grounds.....	3 75
July 26.	" C. B. Landis, making fences.....	15 00
Aug. 13.	" Brown and Andrews, work.....	2 25
Sept. 1.	" ploughing, seeding and leveling Seminary grounds	16 60
Sept. 9.	For B. B. Martin & Co., lumber bill.....	56 01
Sept. 10.	" Stoner, Shreiner & Co., hardware.....	14 81
Sept. 12.	" D. H. Miller, bill putting in bath tubs, water closets and drains in houses occupied by Thos. G. Apple, D.D., and E. V. Gerhart, D.D., as per orders of Seminary Board.....	250 86
		<hr/> \$885 24

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. ROTH.
Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in
the United States.

LANCASTER, Oct. 1, 1898.

The undersigned, appointed a committee to examine and audit the
several accounts of the Treasurer, report that we have done so
and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES,
Committee.

LANCASTER, Sept. 30, 1898.

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We beg leave to report as follows:
Catawba College enrolled 171 students in all departments the
past scholastic year, yielding \$2,200 in tuition, which with in-
come from other sources paid the annual expenses. Twelve
acres of land were added to the College grounds. The assets
of the institution, outside of her real estate, equipments, and
endowments exceed her liabilities by \$302.55.

Good work was done in all the departments, and the year
closed with cheering results.

The agency for securing the endowment fund of \$17,000
within the bounds of the Potomac Synod was prosecuted by
Rev. J. C. Leonard, Field Secretary, for sixteen months. In
that time he visited all the Classes in annual session except
Carlisle. All these took favorable action with reference to the
college, and requested their pastors to open the way for a can-
vass for the proposed fund of \$17,000. Nearly all the charges
in Virginia Classis and some of those in Maryland, Mercers-
burg, Zion's and Gettysburg were canvassed. In this time
also some work was done among the alumni of the college and
other friends. The following is the result of the canvass in
figures: Cash in the Synod, \$1,818.88; bonds, \$550; pledges
unpaid, \$626.50; cash from friends outside of the Synod,
\$634.73; pledges unpaid, \$108. Ten subscriptions of \$100 each,
total, \$1,000, were also secured for the Alumni Fund.

The Field Secretary reported to the Executive Committee
of the Trustees the following facts: 1st. That the average
amounts raised in the several charges were not sufficient to
guarantee the entire fund of \$17,000, should the whole Synod
be canvassed. 2d. That there seemed to be a feeling entertained
by many pastors in the Synod that the canvass for Catawba
College should not be pressed just now, for the reason that the
Synod has provided for the interest on the proposed fund by
an annual apportionment of \$1,000.00, while no such provision
had been made for other institutions which stand in need of
immediate assistance.

In view of these statements it was deemed advisable to
discontinue the agency until the Synod could be informed of

the situation and her advice sought.

The term of office of the following Trustees will expire at the meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Salisbury, in May, 1899, viz: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, and J. M. L. Lyerly, Hons. A. A. Shuford and S. T. Wilfong, and Judge M. L. McCorkle.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. McCORKLE,

President of Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Standing Committee on Education respectfully reports. The following documents were placed in their hands, viz:

1. Report of Franklin and Marshall College;
2. A synopsis of the report of Treasurer John B. Roth, of the Board of Trustees, and also report of Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary;
3. Report of Board of Education of Potomac Synod;
4. Report of Regents of Mercersburg College;
5. Report of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick;
6. Report of Trustees of Catawba College;
7. Report of Calvin College, Cleveland.

It must be a matter of sincere gratification to every member of the Reformed Church and to every friend of higher Christian Education to learn from these reports that all these institutions, standing in official relation to the Synod of the Potomac, are enjoying increasing patronage and a greater degree of prosperity than at any previous period of their history. As most of these reports will be published in the Minutes of Synod we need not recapitulate their contents but will merely call attention to such points as in our judgment merit special notice or require specific action.

1. Franklin and Marshall College, the mother institution of our Church, graduated fifty-six students, or twenty-two more this year than at any previous commencement.

The death of five members of the Board of Trustees, distinguished for fidelity to the interests of the College, was a loss to be deplored not only by the Reformed Church, but by the several communities in which these deceased members respectively resided.

The completion and opening of the Watts De Peyster library was a notable event in the history of the College. We trust that the munificent gift of General De Peyster may prove an inspiration to other wealthy friends of our Reformed Church and its institutions.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following action: *Resolved*, That the Synod of the Potomac rejoices to learn that Franklin and Marshall College and Academy are enjoying enlarged prosperity and that we commend them anew to the confidence and patronage of our people.

2. The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary reveals the gratifying fact that Mrs. Barbara Swander, wife of Rev. Dr. John I. Swander, has given securities increasing the endowment fund of the Seminary in the amount of \$12,000, which will be only fully available after the death of herself and husband. We recommend the adoption of the following action on this point:

Resolved, That the Synod of the Potomac join the Trustees of the Seminary in a heartfelt vote of thanks to Mrs. Swander and Dr. Swander for their noble act of Christian beneficence and commend it as an example worthy of imitation by all who are endowed with a liberal amount of this world's goods.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary requests the Faculty to urge all students to greater diligence whose grades are below the general average of their respective classes. The best belongs to the Lord, and all leading denominations are demanding a higher standard of qualification in candidates for the Gospel ministry. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod heartily approves the action of the Board of Visitors in urging the Seminary Faculty to require greater diligence in study on the part of all students whose grades are defective.

Resolved, That this Synod unites in deploring the death of Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, President of the Board of Visitors, and Rev. Dr. Thos. G. Apple, Professor of Church History, who were both noted for long and valuable services in the work of our Church.

To meet the increased expenses of the institution in the matter of elocution and supplementary lectures by brethren outside the Faculty, the Board of Visitors requests the Synod to vote the Board of Trustees of the Seminary the sum of \$185.

Resolved, That this request be granted and the Committee on Finance be directed to apportion the aforesaid amount, and also \$295 toward expenses of grading the Seminary grounds and other repairs.

3. The report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac lays emphasis on the fact that great care is being

taken by the Board to raise the standard of qualification required of beneficiary students.

No discrimination is made in favor of any particular institution in bestowing its bounty as is manifest from the fact that 17 students now under care of the Board, are attending the institutions at Lancaster, and 10 are attending the institutions of Collegeville.

Resolved, That Synod heartily approves the action of the Board of Education in its efforts to raise the standard of scholarship and of mental and moral qualification in general among its beneficiaries and in its efforts to have delinquents who have given up the work of the ministry refund contributions received in the prosecution of their studies.

4. The report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College contains the gratifying intelligence that out of the 148 students enrolled, over seventy per cent are boarders, and that the receipts above expenditures during the past year amount to the handsome sum of \$4,874.41. The College is in a very prosperous condition and merits as it enjoys the patronage of the Reformed Church and the public at large.

5. The report of the Board of Directors of Woman's College at Frederick, Md., shows that ample provision is being made for the higher Christian education of the daughters of the Church and its friends. The institution enjoys a high degree of prosperity and is making extensive improvements in providing greater educational advantages for its students. In spite of large outlays for repairs and improvements the receipts were \$1,465 above expenditures, and the number of students in attendance 30 per cent. greater than last year.

An extension of the lease on favorable terms secures the occupancy of the property twenty years longer, or until 1918, if the Board and Synod desire to retain possession.

Resolved, That Synod approves the extension of the lease and commends the Woman's College at Frederick anew to the confidence and patronage of all who have daughters to educate.

6. Catawba College is the farthest south of all our educational institutions, but like her northern sisters has enjoyed increased prosperity during the past year. One hundred and seventy-one students were enrolled during the year and there is a small surplus on hand above liabilities, amounting to \$302.55.

Over \$3,700 have been secured toward the Endowment Fund, in addition to \$1,000 pledged to the Alumni Fund.

The Trustees of the College desire to have the opinion of Synod in regard to the propriety of continuing the endowment agency at the present time in view of the many demands upon the liberality of the Church for other educational institutions

for which no apportionment is made by Synod, as in the case of Catawba College.

Resolved, That the Synod does not see its way clear to counsel the Trustees of Catawba College to proceed with the effort to collect the \$17,000 endowment, pledged at the meeting of the Synod at Altoona, at this time, but it be resumed as early as possible; and that the time of suspension of the operation be not taken into account of the College for raising the fund.

7. The report of Calvin College, at Cleveland, Ohio, indicates commendable success on the part of Dr. Ruetenik and associates in the important work of training ministers to speak fluently in both the German and English languages.

Resolved, That Synod heartily approves the object and methods of Calvin College and trusts that it will receive free-will offerings from our people in addition to the \$300 annual appropriation made by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT, *Chairman*.

In connection with item 5 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, appointed several years ago to assist in the work of the further endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, begs leave to report:

1. During the past year, owing to various causes, very little was done in the proposed work. No general canvass was undertaken, and your Committee was not called upon to render any assistance.

2. It is the judgment of your Committee that the work should not be longer delayed. The continued growth and prosperity of the College are such as to demand the increased endowment and equipment; and an earnest effort should now be made to prosecute the work.

3. While the general endowment should not be abandoned, the immediate necessities demand the speedy erection of the Science Building. The Board of Trustees of the College, at the last annual meeting resolved that the building should be begun as soon as \$20,000 has been secured in reliable pledges. It is desirable that the moneys needed for this building should be raised in the form of large subscriptions, without making a general canvass; and yet it is important that all our charges should be, as far as possible, interested in the work. It is, therefore, recommended that each pastor be urged to make an earnest effort within the next few months to secure an amount, at least, equal to the apportionment for Home Missions.

4. We recommend further that the Faculty and Trustees of the College be requested to provide a course in Science in addition to the course now offered.

5. It is important that the way should be opened for the Financial Secretary of the College to prosecute his work. We therefore, recommend that our pastors be urged to open the way for him to enter their fields, wherever it may be at all practicable.

6. There is one vacancy in your Committee, caused by the death of Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller. If your Committee is to be continued, we recommend the appointment of Rev. H. M. J. Kline to fill the vacancy. Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman*.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday morning, Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and J. T. Rossiter were elected members of the Board of Education, for the term of three years; Elder A. R. Schnebly, Revs. C. A. Santee, and J. B. Shontz were chosen Regents of Mercersburg College, for the period of three years; Rev. E. R. Eschbach was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, for the term of five years; Revs. J. S. Kieffer and W. C. Schaeffer were elected members of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, for the term of four years; and Rev. N. H. Skyles, for two years; Elders J. H. Cost and F. Geise were chosen Trustees of the Theological Seminary, for the period of six years.

The following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: Revs. P. Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. M. L. Lyerly, Hon. A. A. Shuford, Hon. S. T. Wilfong, and Judge M. L. McCorkle.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors, and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee, and J. T. Rossiter, for three years; Revs. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins, for two years; and Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and A. S. Weber, for one year.

REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Elder A. R. Schnebly, Revs. C. A. Santee, and J. B. Shontz, for three years; Elder S. Hœfflich, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., and Rev. I. N. Peightel,

for two years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier, and F. F. Bahner, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for five years; Rev. C. S. Slagle, for four years; Elder W. H. Lakin, for three years; Elder A. C. McCardell, for two years; and Elder J. E. Roller, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. J. S. Kieffer and W. C. Schæffer, for four years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and N. H. Skyles, for two years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elders Jacob H. Cost and Frank Geise, for six years; Elders Israel Laucks and S. Nevin Hensch, for four years; and Elders George N. Forney and Edgar Slagle, for two years.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board of the General Board of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The Committee presented its report during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to wit:

Report of the Board of Missions.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and to the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—According to the law and custom of the Board, every fourth year there is a reorganization of this body for a new term of the Compact. This reorganization took place at Harrisburg, Pa., April 12, 1898. The members of the Board from the Eastern Synod were Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer, Elder John J. Nissley, Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Rev. T. J. Hacker, Rev. T. O. Stem, Elder C. M. Bower and Rev. Dr. S. R. Bridenbaugh; and those from the Synod of the Potomac were Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, Rev. Dr. E. R. Eschbach, Rev. Dr. C. Clever, Rev. J. F. Moyer, Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins, Rev. C. A. Santee and Rev. E. R. Deatrick.

The Board was organized as follows: President, Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller; Secretary, Rev. Dr. E. N. Kremer; Treasurer, Elder J. J. Nissley. To these were added Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, Rev. J. F. Moyer and Rev. E. R. Deatrick, to constitute

the Executive Council, with Supt. A. C. Whitmer as a member *ex-officio*.

But alas for human plans! In three weeks' time the Board was called together in special session to elect a successor to President Miller, who died soon after the annual meeting. His sudden death was a shock to all, and the Board keenly felt the bereavement. For twenty-five years he was the honored head of this body; and it is a noteworthy fact that in all these years he was seldom absent from a meeting, the more remarkable because he was on many Boards. As a consequence he had an immense fund of information as to its work; and his hopeful disposition was an inspiration in many an hour of discouragement. Thus now have passed away the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Board as organized in 1873.

At the aforementioned special session the Board elected Rev. Dr. J. A. Hoffheins to succeed Dr. Miller as President.

During the past year the Executive Council met quarterly, and much routine business was transacted. The missions, under its advisory care, have received needful attention, and careful disposal has been made of the moneys received. Of course all the money received on the apportionment for missions and church-building was promptly paid to the General Board. The report of Treasurer Nissley, which is part of this report, gives details which need not be here repeated. You will notice that the income from the two Synods is somewhat larger than last year, and that one legacy is reported, \$190 from the estate of Miss Elizabeth Houtz, of Orangeville, Pa.

It is a pleasure to report that four missions within our bounds went off the roll in April last, namely, Woodberry. Md.; St. John's Philadelphia, Pa.; St. Luke's, Lancaster, Pa., and Trinity, Allentown, Pa.; but it is equally painful to state that for want of funds the Board has not been able to secure the enrollment of several important fields.

With the earnest prayer that God may greatly prosper the work and awaken throughout the Church still greater interest therein, the Board respectfully submits its report.

A. C. WHITMER, *Superintendent*.

Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DR.

I.—For Missions.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis.. .. .	\$1,632 02
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	2,012 89

Tohickon Classis.....	1,318	54	
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	700	00	
Lebanon Classis.....	1,047	31	
Lancaster Classis.....	1,517	51	
Schuylkill Classis.....	1,107	03	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	820	46	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	1,550	93	
Lehigh Classis.....	1,448	65	
Wyoming Classis.....	732	90	
Reading Classis.....	2,853	11	\$16,741 35

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Maryland Classis.....	\$2,958	02	
Juniata Classis.....	1,576	94	
Zion's Classis.....	316	71	
Mercersburg Classis.....	1,221	18	
Gettysburg Classis.....	675	00	
Carlisle Classis.....	470	48	
North Carolina.....	24	50	
Virginia Classis.....	510	95	\$7,753 78

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Reformed church, Lovettsville, Va.....	\$	11	00
Rev. L. F. Zinkhan.....		5	00
Mrs.....		2	00
Miss Cath. Aulenbaugh, Philadelphia.....		1	00
Missionary Society, Annville, Pa.....		15	75
Missionary Society, Hill church.....		10	00
Theological students, Lancaster, Pa.....		25	00
Mrs. Adalaide F. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.....		10	00
Mrs. Louisa Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.....		20	00
Faith Mission, Salisbury, N. C.....		4	81
Hungarian church, New York City.....		5	00
Hungarian church, South Norwalk, Conn.....		10	00
Rev. G. Dokus.....		5	00
Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn.....		11	50
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....		12	45
First Dept. Salem Sunday-school, Harrisburg, Pa.....		2	96
Mercersburg Classical Missionary Society.....		15	00
Juniata Classical Missionary Society.....		22	00
Missionary Society, Upton, Pa.....		10	00
B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....		50	00
A thank offering from a friend.....		5	00
Rev. Dr. D. M. Wolf, Spring Mills, Pa.....		10	00
Reformed church, Concord, N. C.....		3	50
Mrs. Geo. W. Shriver, Flourtown, Pa.....		10	00
Rev. Dr. A. B. Koplin, Hellertown, Pa.....		1	00
Mrs. S. A. Kretzing, Broadheadsville, Pa.....		5	00
Mission Band, Huntingdon, Pa.....		5	00
Mrs. Geo. S. Roller, Weyers Cave, Va.....		10	00
Congregation Fort Washington, Pa.....		25	00
Elder J. R. Hilbush, Mahanoy, Pa.....		10	00
Lizzie Allshouse, Indiana, Pa.....		1	00
C. E. Society, Mt. Alto, Pa.....		3	00
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....		12	50
Church and Sunday-school, Reigelsville, Pa.....		340	78
Emmanuel's church, Hanover, Pa.....		38	88
Hon. M. J. Grove, Adamstown, Md.....		10	00

Elder F. R. Neighbors, Adamstown, Md.....	5 00	
H. C. Wagner and wife, Newville, Pa.....	2 50	
Missionary Society, Woodstock, Va.....	7 50	
Adaline Stout, Orelan, Pa.....	10 00	
W. M. S., Mercersburg Classis.....	30 00	
Miss Mattie Landis, Centre Valley, Pa.....	1 00	
Elder John Brewster, Huntingdon, Pa.....	10 00	
Interest on Gerhart Legacy.....	6 00	
Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod...	1,293 00	\$2,104 13

\$26,599 26

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Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board.....	\$26,599 26
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II.—Designated Moneys.

Reading Classis for Faith church, Reading, Pa..	\$275 00	
W. M. S., Wyoming Classis, for Denver, Col....	5 00	
East Penna. Classis 'or Rev. W. S. Hartzell....	50 00	
W. M. S. Phila. Classis, for Rev. S. H. Seem....	25 00	
C. B. Alspach	20 00	
East Vincent cong. for Messiah Mission, Phila..	10 00	
Reading Classis for Rev. T. R. Deitz.....	62 00	
E. B. Lytle.....	125 00	\$572 00

CHICAGO MISSION.

Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	\$101 50	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	4 24	\$105 74

HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	\$ 165 50	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	1,243 46	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	265 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	100 00	
J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	18 42	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis.....	37 90	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer Mercers- burg Classis.....	100 00	
Mrs. Dr. Zeiber, Hanover, Pa.....	5 00	\$1,935 28

\$2,613 02

HARBOR MISSION.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	\$ 58 00	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	201 40	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	92 50	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer Mercers- burg Classis.....	20 00	
J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	3 09	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis.....	6 00	\$440 99

GERMAN MISSION WORK.

Daniel Schaffner, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	\$ 34 00
J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	551 26
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	189 00

Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	140 00	
J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	23 05	\$937 31

\$3,991 32

Paid as designated.....	\$572 00	
Balance due the Treasurer for Chicago Mission Sept. 23, 1897.....	8 08	
Paid for Chicago Mission.....	97 66	
Paid for Hungarian Missions.....	1,935 28	
Paid for Harbor Mission.....	440 99	
Paid for German Mission Work.....	937 31	\$3,991 32

III.—Church Building.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1897.....		\$2,701 08
Tohickon Classis.....	\$142 07	
Lancaster Classis.....	94 76	
Reading Classis.....	206 75	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	53 00	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	154 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	125 02	
Schuylkill Classis.....	43 00	
Lebanon Classis.....	118 13	\$936 73

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Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer.....	\$315 84	
Carlisle Classis.....	85 99	\$401 83

CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Juniata Classical Missionary Society Fund.....	\$500 00	
W. M. S., Lancaster Classis.....	120 55	
Catechumen Fund.....	100 45	
W. M. S. Wyoming Classis Fund.....	64 26	
F. G. Hobson Fund.....	100 00	
Emmanuel's Hanover Church-bldg. Fund, No. 5	500 00	
West Susquehanna Classis Fund.....	7 77	\$1,393 03

LOANS REPAID.

South Norwalk, Conn.....	\$100 00	
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	266 67	
Abilene, Kansas.....	100 00	
Steelton, Pa.....	200 00	
Bridgeport, Conn.....	200 00	\$866 67

Transferred from interest account.....		139 22
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\$6,438 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treasurer apportionment for church-building	\$1,338 56	
Loan to Salisbury, N. C.....	1,200 00	
Loan to Grace church, Altoona, Pa.....	2,000 00	
Loan to Parryville, Pa.....	500 00	

C. M. Boush, Treasurer, loan to General Board..	1,000 00	
Herman Quitner, parsonage property South Norwalk, Conn.....	400 00	\$6,438 56

IV.—Legacy Account.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1897.....	\$1,273 25	
Miss Elizabeth Houtz.....	190 00	\$1,463 25
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1898.....		\$1,463 25

V.—Interest Account.

Balance in Treasury Sept. 23, 1897.....	\$430 63	
Trinity church, Altoona, Pa.....	38 00	
Mt. Pleasant, N. C.....	9 33	
Royersford, Pa.....	20 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, Harrisburg, Pa.....	132 00	
Tioga church, Philadelphia, Pa.....	40 00	
Roanoke, Va.....	21 84	
Hungarian church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	50 00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer General Board.....	175 00	
Scranton bond.....	10 00	
Jacob S. Wagner Legacy.....	100 00	
St. Stephen's, Baltimore, Md.....	20 00	
Hummelstown National Bank.....	175 00	
Abilene, Kan.	18 00	
Lykens, Pa.....	20 00	
York Bank Stock, Spangler Legacy.....	18 75	\$1,278 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donation to Salisbury, N. C.....	\$300 00	
Balance due Rev. J. B. Stonesifer, Winchester, Va.	187 50	
Donation to St. John's church, Phila., Pa.....	100 00	
Donation to Roanoke, Va.....	16 60	
Taxes at Astoria, Ore.....	15 61	
Expense Rev. E. S. Hay to Roanoke, Va.....	30 22	
Traveling ex. of the Board, postage and stationery	94 45	
Salary Secretary and Treasurer.....	150 00	
Transferred to Church-building account.....	139 22	
Balance in Treasury Oct. 1, 1898.....	244 95	\$1,278 55

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*

HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Oct. 1st, 1898.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above account and find it correct as stated.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 3, 1898.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
CALVIN S. GERHARD.

The Annual Report was published and sent out to the pastors in April last. That report is of necessity somewhat lengthy. It was deemed well, therefore, to prepare a shorter report embodying the main items of the annual report. Indeed, much of this report is taken word for word from that report with here and there some additions in order to bring it up to the present date.

Perhaps, during no year of the past did the missions and

missionaries do more efficient work. We can report an exceptionally prosperous year among the missions. Only one missionary was taken from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward, namely, Rev. J. L. Bretz, of Millersburg, Ind. The health of all the missionaries, with this one exception, was such that they could give their best energies to their work, and well did they perform their labors.

During the year the debt has been a matter of embarrassment to the Board. Strong efforts were put forth to reduce the debt of \$22,000, which was the arrearage on April 1st, 1897. This debt has been gradually reduced until at the meeting of the Executive Committee, in July last, the amount was only \$9,000. The Board now feels confident that in a reasonable time the debt will be entirely cancelled. When paid the Board will be enabled to lay hold on some of the many opportunities for expansion.

During no previous year did so many missions become self-supporting. This gives evidence of the spirit of self-helpfulness among the missions and should be a strong incentive to the Church to extend help to mission fields.

The Church feels like helping those who help themselves. The following are the missions that declared themselves self-supporting at the meeting of the board: Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. H. H. Apple, pastor; Woodberry, Md.; McKeesport, Pa.; Cleveland, O.; Paulding, O.; Astoria, Ill.; Lisbon, Ia., and Liscomb, Ia. The pastors of these missions and their people are to be congratulated by the Church for their heroic effort to become self-supporting and so relieve the Board and Church from affording any more help. Three other missions were not enrolled for the present year, as the Board felt that they could support themselves.

By the statement of Treasurer Reber we find that the income of the Board from April 1st, 1897, to April 1st, 1898, was \$48,006.64. This includes the money for English, Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and German English Missions. This sum includes, of course, all that was received on the apportionments and also from the special effort of last year.

The last Annual Report, which was prepared prior to the annual meeting of the Board in 1897, showed a pay-roll of more than \$44,000. At the annual meeting reductions were made amounting to a little over \$3,000. Then one Hungarian mission was added, so that the pay-roll from April 1st, '97, to April 1st, '98, was \$42,000, had all the missions been supplied with pastors. But as a number of the missions were without pastors during the year, the actual amount paid did not quite reach \$40,000. Add to this \$40,000 the debt of \$22,000 of a year ago and you have \$62,000. From this take the \$48,006.64 and you have the debt of the Board on April 1st, 1898, something over

\$13,000. This has since been reduced to \$9,000. Beginning with the new year we have eighty-nine missions on the roll of the Board. One has been added since, namely, Connellsville, Pa. The reductions, including the missions that became self-supporting, amount to \$3,735. The pay-roll, as it stands at the beginning of the Board year, without the incidental expenses, amounts to \$39,495. This is considerably less than for several years past.

The General Synod apportioned \$58,000 for English, Hungarian, Bohemian, Harbor and German-English missions. By special effort \$48,006.64 of this sum was raised during the last year. Without any special effort and upon the basis of the appointments alone the Church seemingly did not raise much beyond \$36,000. It will, therefore, be seen that the board is now bringing the expenses down to the amount that the Church, heretofore, was willing to contribute to the cause of Home Missions. But a sufficient sum must be raised in addition to cancel the debt of \$9,000, while new work should be assumed by all means. The Board, therefore, urges the Classes and Synods to impress upon the pastors the importance of paying the missionary apportionments promptly. If these are paid, the Board can pay the debt and assume some additional work.

The Harbor Mission at the port of New York, under the efficient care of Brother Sommerlatte, is doing a good work.

The Bohemian Mission, in Chicago, under Pastor Molnar, is prospering. On the first Sunday of August, 1897, the congregation was organized in regular form, forty-seven members entering the organization. Other members have been added since that time. This congregation is very much in need of a chapel or church. The Church must in some way meet this demand.

The Hungarian work is prospering. During the year some changes have taken place. Rev. Alex. Harsanyi left Cleveland, Ohio, and opened a mission in Chicago, Ill., with very flattering prospects. Rev. B. Demeter was taken from New York and placed over the mission in Cleveland, but has since returned to Hungary. Rev. Francis Csanfordi was called from Hungary and placed over the mission at Trenton, N. J., lately vacated by Gustavus Jurany. Rev. Zoltan Kuthy was transferred from Mt. Carmel, Pa., to New York City. By the death of Rev. Francis Ferenczi, of Pittsburgh, Pa., we have lost a faithful servant. Lately Mt. Carmel, Pa., was dropped from the roll. Accordingly Cleveland, O., and Pittsburgh, Pa., are at present vacant, but will soon be supplied. No department of the work is more prosperous than the Hungarian. These people come nearer helping themselves than any under the Board.

The Extension work increases in importance as the years come and go. While always important, it is more so now than ever before from the fact that the work is extending and making the need of it all the more pressing. The Church can look with satisfaction on what is being done in this department. From nothing, a few years ago, it has grown to quite respectable proportions. It has a still more extended mission in our church. During the past year the usual progress was made. Quite a number of missions have had aid extended them. We are glad to say that a number of our people have given \$500 funds to this cause. Treasurer Boush reports the following sums to this cause up to date:

From apportionments	\$3,376 12
On Extension Funds	4,776 25
Repaid by Missions	2,053 03
On Schlatter Fund (small sums)	197 84
Borrowed	5,100 00
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	\$15,503 24

The disbursements for all objects amounted to \$14,503.24, leaving at this time \$1,000 in the treasury.

The Church can do nothing better for her own advancement than to strongly support the Extension work. A great forward movement along the extension lines is very much needed in our Church. We believe that the Church will see the need of such funds soon and will furnish them.

The appropriations for the 90 missions on the roll of the Board on October 1st, 1898, will, in round numbers, amount to \$40,000. This includes the pay of superintendents. As there are always some missions vacant, so requiring no salary during such vacancy, the \$40,000 will likely meet all the extra expenses as well. If the apportionments are promptly paid all liabilities can be met and the indebtedness cancelled.

The General Synod apportioned, on the Synods, the sum of \$58,000. Of this the English Synods are apportioned the following sums:

SYNODS	Home Missions.	Harbor Missions.	Hung. & Boh. Missions.	German Missions.
Eastern, . . .	\$25,100 00	\$435 00	\$2,500 00	\$2,500 00
Potomac, . . .	9,700 00	140 00	840 00	840 00
Ohio,	5,500 00	95 00	550 00	550 00
Pittsburgh, . .	4,100 00	75 00	450 00	450 00
Interior, . . .	600 00	15 00	100 00	100 00

This apportionment remains the same for three years from the last meeting of the General Synod. We give it here merely for the use of the Synods.

The Board respectfully asks also that for church-building an apportionment of six cents per member be laid, as heretofore.

These apportionments are very moderate. They are within the reach of our people, and it is hoped that strong efforts will be made to pay them in full.

It is the desire of the board that the apportionments may be paid in order that the debt may be met and new work inaugurated. Under existing circumstances the Board can only carry forward the work as it now is, and must wait until the Church contributes additional funds to assume additional work.

It is a pity that more cannot be done, as many calls are coming for help, and many opportunities are open to us, as a Church. The Board has, however, determined upon one thing, namely, not to assume additional work until the funds are in sight with which to carry it forward.

By arrangements with the Sunday-school board the Sunday-school Missionary, Rev. J. C. Horning, went to St. Louis last October and opened a Sunday-school, and has been laboring there since. The understanding between the Boards is that he shall remain there a year or two, or until the Mission Board is prepared to place a missionary at that place.

For a more complete report see the Annual Report which was published on April 1st, '98, and contains a complete roll of the Missions with such other statistics as were deemed important. This Annual Report has been sent to all the pastors in the English Synods as well as to many of the elders and others.

The Board, in conclusion, asks of the Classes, Synods and the entire church a more hearty co-operation in the Home Mission work. The work is worthy of such co-operation and the future growth of the church must depend very largely upon the efforts we now put forth for the advancement of the work. We have prospered in spite of hard times. The blessings of the Master have been upon our work. May He continue to bless us.

D. S. FOUSE, *Superintendent.*

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting our annual statement of the progress and condition of our missionary work in Japan, we find no special features to note. During the last year the work has gone successfully forward, with

usual encouraging results. We have now some 56 points where the gospel is preached with more or less success, and souls are being won to Christ. In all, 31 have graduated from the Theological Department of the Tohoku Gakuin. Some of these are engaged as personal assistants and teachers by our several missionaries; two are engaged as teachers in the Tohoku Gakuin, a few have entered upon school teaching, but the most of them are engaged in preaching the gospel as evangelists. Those who are not engaged specifically as evangelists, are engaged as opportunity is afforded in some branch of Christian work. This is especially true of those who are helpers and teachers of the several missionaries. Eight graduated at the last commencement, of whom seven have already entered upon evangelistic work, while one devotes himself to teaching. Nine students were baptized during the year, while others are restrained from an open profession of Christ, by the opposition of heathen parents.

The visible results of the missionary work in Japan are materially restrained by the general absorbing interest of the people in political and commercial affairs. What, with the near approach of the time when the revised treaties will go into effect, with the far reaching commercial changes which that will effect; the gravely disturbed condition of China and Korea; and later still, the radical changes imminent in the Philippine Islands; the people feel but little incentive to give heed to the interests of religion. And yet, withal, the public prints give unmistakable evidence that in the thoughts of the people, Christianity is exerting a leavening power. As the arts and offices of Western civilization are winning acceptance, they carry with them the conviction to the thoughtful, that they are the product of the Christian religion. And the leaven is producing its fruits in the minds of the better class. During the past year, for the second time, an outspoken, active Christian was elected Speaker of the Lower House of the Imperial Parliament.

No new missionaries were sent out during the last year. This was not, however, for the want of applicants for appointment.

Rev. D. B. Schneder, after a most profitable furlough returned to the field. He landed in Japan May 3d, after a favorable journey, except that Mrs. Schneder suffered with seasickness during nearly the entire voyage. A few days on land, however, restored her to usual health.

Miss Mary C. Hollowell, who had been sent out seven years, will come home on furlough, sailing Oct. 1st. prox. She had thought of coming via India and Europe, thus completing the circuit of the world. But her contemplated arrangements failing her, she will come via San Francisco.

The board is pained to have to say, that Rev. Dr. Moore has for some time labored under severely impaired health. He has been interrupted in his most prosperous labors in the city of Tokyo and vicinity, and has been spending some time at a health resort in the mountains of Japan. His physicians advise him, that in case he is not decidedly relieved by his sojourn in the mountains, it will be necessary for him to come to America. The Board is anxiously awaiting further intelligence from him.

Rev. Hoy experienced a severe recurrence of his old ailment, the asthma. By the advice of his brethren of the Mission, approved by the board, he took a vacation, and visited China. He had scarcely reached China when his asthma left him. He returned to Japan greatly relieved, and is again as busy as ever. The results of his travels and observations in China, the church is learning from his series of letters published in the church papers. This series is not yet completed, and whatever else they may effect, one important result will accrue; they will furnish the church a most graphic account of the terrible condition, appalling miseries and imperative wants of the heathen world. God grant, that the hearts and consciences of his children in Christian lands, may be moved by the challenge, to self-denial and speedy effort for its relief.

The board has not been unmindful of the instructions given by the last General Synod, to plant a new Mission. Its inquiries have intensified its desire to carry out these instructions, and the want of the necessary means alone restrained it from doing so. The Classes, at their last annual meetings were challenged with the inquiry whether they were prepared to furnish the additional means for this new step, with the following result: Of 53 Classes replying, the answers of 17 were affirmative, with two of them qualified; 22 were negative, and 14 non-committal or no-action. The Board will report this result to General Synod, and ask for further instructions.

The receipts of our Board show the apportionments several thousand dollars short. While the Board, aided by outside receipts was able to meet current expenses, it was unable to take the advance steps which our Japan work calls for, and it was compelled to move along at its old pace. We would again most earnestly bespeak of your Reverend Body such energetic action as will secure to our treasury at least the sum designated by General Synod as its apportionment.

By order of the board,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Secretary.*

MECHANICSBURG, PA., September 16, 1898.

Report of Committee on Missions.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to submit its report as follows:

The documents referred to us are:

1st. A report of the Board of the Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

2d. A report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions.

3d. The report of the General Board of Home Missions.

4th. The Treasurer's Report of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

It is gratifying to note that under the efficient management of the Board of Foreign Missions and the earnest, self-sacrificing services of our missionaries the work in Japan "has gone successfully forward with usual encouraging results" during the past year. Whilst this is true, it appears from the report that on account of the shortage of apportionments by several thousand dollars the Board found itself unable to take certain contemplated aggressive steps which are really necessary for the more rapid progress of the mission.

The Board asks the Synod to take some action, such as will secure to the treasury the sum designated by the General Synod as its apportionment.

Your Committee would therefore suggest the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod urge the several Classes, of which she is composed, to make special efforts to raise promptly and fully the amounts apportioned upon them for Foreign Missions.

It is gratifying to learn that notwithstanding the stringency of the times the work in the home field has made commendable progress, and that four missions within the bounds of this Synod, have become self-sustaining during the past year. We note with pleasure also that one legacy of \$190.00, from the estate of Miss Elizabeth Houtz, of Orangeville, Pa., has been reported.

It is at the same time to be much regretted that owing to a deficiency of funds the Boards have not been able to expand their work and to occupy new and promising points. We regret also to learn that there remains an indebtedness of \$9,000 upon the Home Board.

We recommend the following for consideration and adoption:

Resolved, That we commend the cause of Home Missions to the prayers and liberality of our people and urge that renewed efforts be made by the Classes to raise the amounts apportioned for Home Missions in order that the debt of \$9,000

be liquidated and the Boards placed in a position to take advance steps in their operations.

The church-building work has proved to be an indispensable factor in the advance movement and is growing in importance year by year. During the year quite a number of missions have been aided by this fund.

Your Committee would respectfully recommend the following apportionments as asked for by the different Boards:

For Foreign Missions.....	\$5,100 00
For Home Missions.....	9,700 00
For Harbor Missions.....	140 00
For Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.....	840 00
For German Missions.....	840 00

We also recommend the apportionment of six cents per member for church-building, as heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PHILIP HARNER *Chairman.*

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., and C. B. Heller were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE: Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., and C. B. Heller, four years; Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick, three years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, two years; and Rev. C. A. Santee, one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac, from Oct. 19th, 1897, to October 25th, 1898.

To amount received from Classes as follows:

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To balance on hand Oct. 19, 1897..... \$1,081 83

FROM MARYLAND CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$235 00
Contingent Fund of the General Synod.....	184 00
Theological Seminary.....	108 50
Catawba College.....	257 71
Calvin College.....	71 50
Church-building Fund.....	164 93

Chicago Mission.....	67 00	
Harbor Missions.....	39 00	
Hungarian Missions.....	197 00	
Work among the Germans.....	174 00	
Schlatter Building Fund.....	15 00	
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		\$1,513 64

FROM ZION'S CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$94 43	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod.....	92 00	
Theological Seminary.....	20 64	
Catawba College.....	23 48	
Calvin College.....	27 26	
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		\$257 81

FROM CARLISLE CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$29 75	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod.....	19 00	
Theological Seminary.....	11 25	
Catawba College.....	32 00	
Calvin College.....	12 40	
Work among the Germans.....	25 00	
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		\$129 40

FROM JUNIATA CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$62 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod.....	57 00	
Theological Seminary.....	96 00	
Catawba College.....	173 00	
Calvin College.....	45 00	
Harbor Missions.....	25 00	
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		\$458 00

FROM OREGON CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$15 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod.....	10 00	
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		\$25 00

FROM MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$36 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod.....	34 00	
Catawba College.....	100 00	
Calvin College.....	29 00	
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		\$199 00

FROM VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$26 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod.....	20 00	
Theological Seminary.....	20 00	
Catawba College.....	126 00	
Calvin College.....	21 00	
Hungarian Missions.....	35 00	
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		\$248 00

FROM GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	\$60 00	
Contingent Fund of the General Synod.....	56 00	
Theological Seminary.....	86 00	
Calvin College.....	46 00	
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		\$248 00

FROM NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

Catawba College.....	69 63	
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		\$69 63

Total.....		<hr/>	\$4,230 31
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1897.		Cr.	
Oct. 23.	By amount paid T. E. McCardell for printing election tickets at Hagerstown.....	\$ 1 50	
Nov. 16.	Paid Rev. C. Clever expenses at Hagerstown.....	2 60	
Nov. 20.	Paid A. T. G. Appell for negatives for synodical minutes	28 85	
Dec. 15.	Paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick interest on Jacob Stoudenour legacy for Beneficiary Education....	12 00	
Dec. 15.	Paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick for postage and mailing Minutes of Synod of 1897.....	15 00	
Dec. 20.	Paid Security Title and Trust Co., of York, Pa., premium for Treasurer's bond of \$35,000 for one year from Jan. 1, '98, to Jan. 1, '99, @ ¼ per cent.....	87 50	
1898.			
Jan. 7.	Paid Church Publication Board for printing 3,000 copies of Minutes of Synod.....	176 00	
Jan. 29.	Paid J. A. Foil, Treas., for Catawba College.....	29 00	
Feb. 9.	Paid Rev. Geo. M. Zacharias for services rendered and to be rendered for Schlatter history.....	100 00	
Feb. 9.	Paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as stated clerk for synodical year of 1897.....	100 00	
Feb. 12.	Paid Rev. J. O. Miller expenses of attending meeting of Board of Visitors of the Seminary.....	1 50	
Feb. 19.	Paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer for expenses of meeting of Synod at Hagerstown.....	25 00	
Mar. 8.	Paid Israel Laucks and Rev. F. F. Bahner expenses of attending meeting of Investment Committee	1 39	
May 14.	Paid Rev. Wm. H. Groh interest due on Brechbill Legacy loan.....	12 00	
May 14.	Paid Rev. C. Clever, expenses at Board of Visitors' meeting.....	\$2 66	
May 17.	Paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses at Board of Visitors' meeting.....	6 00	
May 20.	Paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, expenses at Board of Visitors' meeting.....	1 50	10 16
May 17.	Paid J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for Catawba College..	69 63	
May 25.	" John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theo. Sem'y at Lancaster, Pa.....	202 39	
May 26.	Paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Treas., for Calvin Col..	166 16	
May 26.	" J. A. Foil, Treas., for Catawba College.....	542 19	
May 28.	" Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Building Fund	\$164 93	
May 28.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	170 00	
May 28.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Harbor Missions	54 00	
May 28.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Chicago Missions	67 00	
May 28.	Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for work among the Germans.....	138 00	593 93
Sept. 19.	Paid Rev. J. David Miller, expenses of members of attending meeting of Board of Education...	14 13	
Sept. 22.	Paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses at special meeting of Board of Visitors.....	3 00	
Sept. 23.	Paid Rev. C. Clever expenses at special meeting of Board of Visitors.....	2 61	
Sept. 23.	Paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer expenses at special meeting of Board of Visitors.....	3 30	

Sept. 23. Paid Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, expenses at special meeting of Board of Trustees.....	1 60
Oct. 13. Paid C. G. Gross, Treas., for Contingent Fund General Synod.....	350 00
Oct. 13. Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Harbor Missions..	10 00
Oct. 13. Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for Hungarian Missions	62 00
Oct. 13. Paid Jno. J. Nissley, Treas., for work among Germans	61 00
Oct. 13. Paid John B. Roth, Treas., for Theo. Seminary..	140 00
Oct. 14. Paid Rev. H. J. Ruetenik, Treas., balance of money on hand contributed to Calvin College.....	86 00
Oct. 14. Paid J. A. Foil, Treas., balance of money on hand contributed to Catawba College.....	141 00
Oct. 15. Paid C. M. Boush, Treas., amount contributed to Michael Schlatter Building Fund.....	15 00
Oct. 18. Paid Geo. N. Forney, salary for one year as Treas. of Synod to Jan. 1, 1899.....	100 00
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	\$3,166 44

Oct. 25. Cr., by balance in the hands of Treasurer..... \$1,063 87

NOTE.—Several of the Classical Treasurers, in violation of a rule of Synod, adopted several years ago, requiring all mission funds to be sent direct to the proper treasurers, and not to the Treasurer of Synod, sent funds to him for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Harbor Missions, Church-building, and Work among the Germans, whilst the Treasurers of the other Classes remitted their funds, according to the rule. On motion, the attention of the Classical Treasurers was called anew to this rule of the Synod.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday morning, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

The Committee has carefully examined the Treasurer's Report, with the accompanying vouchers, and found it correct.

The following amounts have been referred to your Committee for apportionment:

Home Missions, \$9,700.00; Foreign Missions, \$5,100.00; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$840.00; Work among the Germans, \$840.00; Beneficiary Education, \$4,200.00; Theological Seminary, \$845.00; Calvin College, \$300.00; Catawba College, \$1,000.00; Harbor Missions, \$140.00; Contingent Fund of Synod, \$200.00.

Your Committee suggests and recommends the following distribution of the amounts among the several Classes:

Home Missions: Maryland Classis, \$2,700.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$1,550.00; Juniata Classis, \$1,550.00; Zion's Classis, \$1,000.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$1,000.00; Carlisle Classis, \$800.00; Virginia Classis, \$500.00; North Carolina Classis, \$500.00. Total, \$9,700.00.

Foreign Missions: Maryland Classis, \$1,380.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$760.00; Juniata Classis, \$760.00; Zion's Classis, \$600.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$500.00; Carlisle Classis, \$375.00; Virginia Classis, \$350.00; North Carolina Classis, \$375.00. Total, \$5,100.00.

Hungarian and Brethren Missions: Maryland Classis, \$210.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$125.00; Juniata Classis, \$125.00; Zion's Classis, \$100.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$100.00; Carlisle Classis, \$60.00; Virginia Classis, \$60.00; North Carolina Classis, \$60.00. Total, \$840.00.

Work among the Germans: Maryland Classis, \$240.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$135.00; Juniata Classis, \$135.00; Zion's Classis, \$120.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$90.00; Carlisle Classis, \$50.00; Virginia Classis, \$40.00; North Carolina Classis, \$30.00. Total, \$840.00.

Harbor Missions: Maryland Classis, \$30.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$23.00; Juniata Classis, \$22.00; Zion's Classis, \$18.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$17.00; Carlisle Classis, \$10.00; Virginia Classis, \$10.00; North Carolina Classis, \$10.00. Total, \$140.00.

Beneficiary Education: Maryland Classis, \$976.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$650.00; Juniata Classis, \$675.00; Zion's Classis, \$480.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$469.00; Carlisle Classis, \$350.00; Virginia Classis, \$300.00; North Carolina Classis, \$300.00. Total, \$4,200.00.

Theological Seminary: Maryland Classis, \$194.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$136.00; Juniata Classis, \$137.00; Zion's Classis, \$100.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$95.00; Carlisle Classis, \$70.00; Virginia Classis, \$60.00; North Carolina Classis, \$53.00. Total, \$845.00.

Catawba College: Maryland Classis, \$220.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$160.00; Juniata Classis, \$160.00; Zion's Classis, \$135.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$93.00; Carlisle Classis, \$70.00; Virginia Classis, \$72.00; North Carolina Classis, \$90.00. Total, \$1,000.00.

Calvin College: Maryland Classis, \$74.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$46.00; Juniata Classis, \$45.00; Zion's Classis, \$38.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$29.00; Carlisle Classis, \$25.00; Virginia Classis, \$23.00; North Carolina Classis, \$20.00. Total, \$300.00.

Contingent Fund of Synod: Maryland Classis, \$51.00; Gettysburg Classis, \$30.00; Juniata Classis, \$31.00; Zion's

Classis, \$25.00; Mercersburg Classis, \$18.00; Carlisle Classis, \$15.00; Virginia Classis, \$15.00; North Carolina Classis, \$15.00. Total, \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD E. COBLENTZ, *Chairman.*

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod: Carlisle Classis, \$69.98; North Carolina Classis, \$35.00. Total, \$104.98.

Contingent Fund of General Synod: Carlisle Classis, \$33.29; North Carolina Classis, \$25.00. Total, \$68.29.

Catawba College: Gettysburg Classis, \$170.00; Zion's Classis, \$116.52; Carlisle Classis, \$36.00; North Carolina Classis, \$28.37; Maryland Classis, \$17.29. Total, \$368.18.

Calvin College: North Carolina Classis, \$25.00; Zion's Classis, \$10.74; Carlisle Classis, \$9.60; Maryland Classis, \$2.50. Total, \$47.84.

In connection with item 1 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted, to wit:

Report of the Committee to Invest and Audit the Seminary Endowment Fund.

The Committee to Invest and Audit the Seminary Endowment Fund of Synod, begs leave to present the following report, to wit:

The Committee met in Hanover, Pa., on the 6th day of October, 1898, and carefully audited the securities in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod. They found bonds, notes and mortgages, in their judgment prudently invested, amounting to \$33,900. Also a Seminary Fellowship bond of \$1,000, with accrued interest thereon, amounting to \$558.82, making the Fellowship Fund at the present time, \$1,558.82.

The Committee would state that the original amount of the Endowment Fund was \$35,650. This has been reduced by losses amounting to \$1,558.10, and by \$191.90 expended for premiums on securities, making the total reduction \$1,750, which leaves the amount above named. The attention of Synod is called to the fact that this is \$200 more than was reported last year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARKLEY, *Chairman.*

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Trustees begs leave to present to your reverend body the following report:

The Board held one meeting during the year, at Hanover, Pa., September 22d, 1898. The officers of the Board are Elder Jacob H. Shriver, President; Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, Vice-President and Secretary. The Treasurer of Synod, who is also the Treasurer of the Board, reported that, as directed by the Synod at last annual meeting, he had secured as his bondsmen the York Security, Title and Trust Company for the amount of \$35,000.00, at an annual cost of \$87.50. The Board still holds the opinion, that the amount of the bond is unnecessarily large, involving needless expense, and would therefore again recommend to the Synod the advisability of reducing the bond from \$35,000.00 to \$10,000.00.

The Board also brings to the attention of the Synod the fact, that whilst the Trustees constitute the corporate body created for the purpose of holding the funds of the Synod, such as the the Professorship Endowment Fund, the Fellowship Fund, etc., the investment of these funds has been taken out of their hands, through the appointment by the Synod itself of an Investing Committee. The Board requests the Synod to consider the advisability of changing its policy in this respect, so as to allow these investments to be made by the Trustees. Respectfully submitted by order of the Board of Trustees.

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary.*

The following resolutions were adopted, in considering the foregoing report namely:

Resolved, That the investment of the funds be left in the hands of the Trustees, and that they be required annually to furnish the Synod with a proper audit of the endowment funds.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the necessity for a Standing Investing and Auditing Committee no longer exists, the Synod dispenses with the appointment of such committee.

The following action, instructing the Treasurer of Synod, was, after considerable discussion, adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to repay to the Board of Education the Jacob Stoudenour legacy of \$200.00 for Beneficiary Education, loaned to the Synod December 15th, 1879.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod, in connection with the Trustees, be instructed to investigate the status of the Philip Brechbill legacy of \$200.00, made to the Synod, the in-

terest thereof to be paid annually to the pastor of the Reformed Church at Churchtown, Cumberland county, Pa., and which was formally accepted by the Synod, at the annual meeting held in Frederick, Md., in 1879. Vide page 13 and page 58.

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder Jacob D. Zehring was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod, for the term of five years from January 1st, 1899.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Elder Jacob D. Zehring, for five years; Elder Jacob H. Shriver, for four years; Elder George N. Forney, for three years; Rev. T. Franklin Hoffmeier, for two years; and Rev. Franklin F. Bahner, for one year.

ARTICLE. XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

Report of the Sunday-School Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Sunday-schools, having received and examined the report of the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod and the Sunday-school statistics of the several Classis of our Synod, referred to us, begs leave to offer the following for your consideration and adoption:

We note with pleasure the fact that the blessing of the Great Head of the Church has so richly rested upon this particular and important work of the Church, in that the number of scholars has increased, the spirit of benevolence has grown, the Sunday literature has improved and increased in circulation. We are also gratified to notice that in response to the action of this Synod last year, reductions in the price of several periodicals will be made next year. But that there is still room and need for improvement in various directions no one will deny. Therefore we commend the work and suggestions

of the General Synod's Secretary and Board, and bespeak for them the hearty co-operation of the several Classes, pastoral charges, congregations and Sunday-schools of this Synod, in the hope that this work may continue to grow in efficiency. In view of all the facts evident from these several reports, we recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That we (reiterating the action of our Synod of last year), request pastors and consistories through the Classes to exercise careful oversight over the records of the Sunday-schools and so far as possible, present complete and accurate statistics to the Classes.

Resolved, That in view of the urgent desire of many of our people, we petition General Synod to reinsert in its statistical table, the number of Sunday-schools, scholars and officers and teachers.

Resolved, That all our pastors, consistories, Sunday-school superintendents, teachers and scholars be urged through the Classes to make an earnest and systematic effort to increase the number and efficiency of the membership of our Sunday-schools, and, further, That each Classis instructs its Classical Committee on Sunday-schools to hearty co-operation in the Twentieth Century Movement in Reformed schools.

Resolved, That since our Lesson Helps are now prepared with a view to the use of the Bible on the part of teachers and scholars that the Classes be requested to call the attention of pastors and Sunday-school workers to the great importance of using the Bible in studying the lessons at home and in the schools.

HIRAM J. HILLEGASS, *Chairman*.

Names of Classes.	No. of Sunday-schools.	MEMBERSHIP.					RELATION TO CHURCH.		EDUCATION.			CONTRIBUTIONS.						
		Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average attendance.	No. of months School open. If Union School, estimated Re- formed enrollment.	Scholars in full membership of the Church.	Baptized Scholars.	Scholars received during the year into full membership.	Is the Catechism used in the S. S. Do you use Reformed Lesson Helps?	No. of copies of S. S. papers taken per year (not lesson papers).	No. of Books in Library.	To S. S. work of General Board.	To other Church Boards and In- stitutions.	To other benevolent objects.	To support of the School.		
Zion's.....	25	678	4424	4900	1921	12	180	542	811	24	3	7	1185	\$ 10	\$ 11 50		\$ 1200	
Maryland.....	58	1257	8076	9281	5049	11	516	2099	3678	270	25	54	1765	9503	194	976 00	\$ 635	2000
Mercoersburg...	22	420	2637	3031	1606	12	106	413	513	86	16	19	770	2368	60	375 00	144	1614
Virginia.....	23	285	1488	1899	1061	9		498	850	53	9	21	249	1815	54	51 00	22	323
N. Carolina...	31	328	2779	3145	1665	10	450	773	846	83	4	22	273	420	8	8 00	22	481
Gettysburg....	29	466	3268	3640		11	587	582	1648	140	9	18	126	4531	38	124 00	562	578
Carlisle.....	16	274	2227	2489		13	300	1060	854	92	11	16	908	1220	53	124 00	103	1078
Junata*.....	49	710	8423	4901			1420	1671	310						136	428 00	246	1406
	253	4428	28322	32686			7587	10771	1067	77	157	4090	21042	\$553	\$2107 50	\$1737	\$10681	

*Figures of previous year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 16 of the report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

* **Report on Publishing the Minutes.**

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Sessions of the Synod printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$176.00. The increased cost over the previous year was caused by printing the cuts contained in the Minutes and the extra paper needed on which they were printed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Eastern, Potomac and Pittsburgh Synods:

DEAR BRETHREN: With the close of the second year of its history in managing the publications for your exclusive benefit, the board is able to present some facts and figures of sufficient comparative value to draw inferences for the future. These are commended to your scrutiny and deliberation.

Under Exhibits A and B, appended to this report, giving respectively the items of receipts and expenditures and the assets and liabilities, you will be able to note the scope and results of the work for the year ending June 30th, 1898.

After deducting from the receipts of 1897 the \$4,200 advanced by the treasurer for working capital, the cash receipts for 1898 show an increase of \$1,337.78 over those of 1897. The expenditures for 1898 as compared with 1897 show a decrease of \$1,305.19.

In arriving at the assets (Exhibit B) the same conservative methods were pursued which the board adopted as set forth in last year's report, and should in its opinion present a reasonably accurate estimate of their value. You will note in the liabilities that unpaid bills constitute an unimportant item, the business manager having adhered strictly to the instructions

given by the board to pay all bills at the end of each month. It is the hope and expectation of the board to maintain this method of conducting the business. To accomplish this, however, it is imperative that the obligations contracted by its patrons should be promptly and fully paid, and to this end the timely aid and voice of the Synods and its individual members are solicited.

How serious this laxity in payment has become and how it may menace the solvency of your house is evidenced by the increasing sums due for subscriptions to the "Messenger." After two years of publishing, the amount thus owing is \$5,912.16 (Exhibit B gives it as \$4,434.12, being 75 per cent. of the amount actually due), an increase of \$1,993.99 during the past year. During these same two years it has cost the board to edit and publish the "Messenger" \$18,488.84, whilst the total cash receipts from that source for the same period have been \$16,900.56, being \$1,588.28 excess of expenditures over receipts. You are able to appreciate therefore the danger to be apprehended from the neglect of its patrons in meeting these debts.

If the board had in hand the \$5,912.16 due for subscriptions, contemplated improvements in the editorial and publishing departments could be inaugurated, but until these debts are paid all hope for improvement, enlargement or reduction in price must remain in abeyance.

In this connection, and with the expectation of increasing the subscription list as well as facilitating collections, the Board has engaged the services of a general agent, Rev. John N. Naly, at a fixed salary and expenses, who will visit each of the Synods and systematically labor in behalf of the "Messenger" and the other interests of the Publication House. The board commends him to your cordial reception and favor.

The other items in Exhibits A and B call for little comment as they show a reasonably stable and sound condition, and it only remains to emphasize that which the figures clearly demonstrate, namely, success and prosperity can only be secured and maintained through your active aid and support and through the prompt settlement of bills due for subscriptions and purchases.

Exhibit C shows the Treasurer's report as submitted to the board at its last meeting, September 15th, 1898. By reference to his report for the previous year you will find included two notes of C. G. Fisher aggregating \$950 and bonus due from Fisher estate for \$900, both marked allowed by the court. These claims have been finally settled and paid by the receipt of the net sum of \$391.45 as shown in the report, representing the pro rata distribution to the creditors, less charges for attorney's fees and expenses. The Board regrets to report its ina-

bility to collect anything from the Fisher estate on the claim of \$3,541.06 advance subscriptions received by said estate for the "Messenger." The claim was duly presented and argued before the court, but the judge ruled in substance that the Publication Board was not obligated in law to furnish the paper to any subscriber who had paid the Fisher estate for it, and hence there could be no claim for any such voluntary act.

The Board at its last meeting passed a resolution appointing a committee to present to your reverend bodies a statement of the relations existing between this and the Sunday-school Board. It is not necessary to enlarge this report with any further reference to this subject.

Referring to the "Messenger" in its editorial department the board begs to quote, with its endorsement, the report of the editor-in-chief:

"During the year closing with July 1, 1898, the *Reformed Church Messenger* has been issued regularly each week. One year ago we had considerable trouble in having the paper issued promptly and regularly on Thursday. Notwithstanding untiring efforts on our part we failed to do this, until we insisted upon having a new foreman at the printing office. Our request being granted, the paper at once began to appear on time, and has done so each week since then. We have succeeded in improving the appearance of the paper by removing the rules between the columns and at the top of the pages, by changing the sub-heads, and the general arrangement of the smaller contributions. By the last improvement considerable space has been saved, and the *Messenger* during the last year has contained more matter than during the two years previous. From such reports as have come to us, we are glad to state that the *Messenger* has been growing in favor with our people. During the coming year we shall endeavor to make the paper still more interesting. We expect to receive more News Items and more original contributions, without increasing the item of expense. The amount expended for editing the *Messenger* during the last year has been kept within the limit laid down by the Board.

"The Editor will be pleased to receive any suggestions that the Board may see fit to make."

The attention of the Synods is called to the expiration in January, 1899, of the terms of the following members of this board: G. S. Griffith, Potomac Synod, and E. J. Durban, Eastern Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. GRIFFITH, *President*.

EDW. J. DURBAN, *Secretary*.

EXHIBIT A.

Business Manager's Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 1898:

Cash on hand as per last statement.....	\$1,568 61
" advanced by J. T. Reber, Treasurer.....	400 00

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR.

For <i>Messenger</i>	\$9,001 88	
" <i>Review</i>	551 04	
" Book Department	8,052 97	
		<hr/> 17,605 89

Total amount for the year..... \$19,574 50

EXPENDITURES.

For <i>Messenger</i>	\$10,206 82	
" <i>Review</i>	663 87	
" Book Department	6,633 62	
		<hr/> 17,504 31

Balance cash on hand June 30, 1898..... \$1,980 19

EXHIBIT B.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand June 30, 1898.....	\$1,980 19
Invoice of stock on hand.....	4,088 66
Due on accounts in Book Store.....	1,195 56
" from subscribers to <i>Messenger</i>	4,434 12
" on advertising in <i>Messenger</i>	510 00
" from subscribers to <i>Review</i>	240 30

Total assets \$12,448 83

LIABILITIES.

Profits of last year.....	\$1,820 12
Money advanced by J. T. Reber, Treasurer....	6,997 25
Advance subscriptions on <i>Messenger</i>	2,250 42
" " <i>Review</i>	134 85
Bills payable	140 26
Salaries due contributors to <i>Messenger</i>	104 50
Office salaries	34 66

Total liabilities 11,482 01

Balance profit and loss..... \$966 77

EXHIBIT C.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1897.	On account St. Thomas Congregation Loan	\$200 00
Oct. 1.	Interest Deeter Mortgage.....	25 00
Oct. 8.	Proceeds on claim of \$950 against Fisher estate, per J. A. Reed, Attorney	209 56
Oct. 8.	Interest on mortgage, Masillon, Ohio	50 00
Oct. 8.	" " " Youngstown, O.	50 00
1898.		
Mar. 29.	Interest on Blosser judgment.....	12 00
Mar. 29.	Rental Sunday-school Board.....	937 50
Mar. 29.	Interest on Deeter mortgage.....	25 00

Mar. 29. Proceeds on claim against Fisher estate, per A. W. Bomberger, Attorney	141 80	
Mar. 29. Final dividend Fisher estate.....	40 09	
Mar. 29. Received on account St. Thomas Church Loan	100 00	
Mar. 29. Interest on St. Thomas Church Loan	85 91	
		<hr/> \$1,876 86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer per last Report.....	\$229 14	
Expenses members at Sept. meeting of Board....	60 67	
Nov. 10, 1897, cash to Rev. C. R. Ferner, Man'g'r	400 00	
Expenses members at April meeting of Board....	65 65	
Invested in 5 per cent. call loan.....	900 00	
Cash balance in hands of Treasurer.....	221 40	
		<hr/> \$1,876 86

INVESTMENTS.

Blosser judgment, 6 per cent.	\$ 200 00	
Mortgage Masillon Board Home Missions, 5 per cent.	1,000 00	
Mortgage Youngstown Board Home Missions, 5 per cent. ..	1,000 00	
Mortgage Deeter Board Home Missions, 5 per cent.....	1,000 00	
Note St. Thomas Reformed Congregation, 5 per cent.....	700 00	
Call loan at 5 per cent.....	900 00	
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Total investment account.....	\$4,800 00	
Cash in treasury	221 40	
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Total assets in hands of Treasurer.....	\$5,021 40	

Report of the Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Saturday forenoon, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Publications begs leave to report:

From the report of the Board of Publications we learn that its business has been seriously hindered by the failure of some of its patrons promptly and fully to meet their obligations. The aid of this Synod is solicited in helping to correct this evil. We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That all the Classes of this Synod be urged to make all proper efforts to assist the Board in its endeavor to place its business on a cash basis, urging all ministers and members to make prompt payment of their subscriptions to the *Messenger* and *Review*, and to make prompt settlement of all book accounts.

The Publication Board also reports friction between itself and the Sunday-school Board of the General Synod, growing out of the transfer of the Sunday-school Helps to the Sunday-school Board and out of the employment of a business manager. Your Committee does not feel competent to pass judgment on the merits of the case, neither does it believe it to be

the province of this Synod at this time to pass judgment in the matter. We recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That this Synod deplores the misunderstanding existing between the two Boards.

Resolved, That the two Boards be requested to meet in joint session for the purpose of canvassing the differences existing between them, and adjusting them in an amicable and satisfactory way.

We further learn that the *Messenger* has been much improved in matter and form and that it has been steadily growing in favor with our people. In regard to the *Messenger* and the *Review* we recommend the following:

Resolved, That we recommend the Reformed Church *Messenger* and the Reformed Church *Review* to all our ministers and people, and that we urge all our Classes to put forth all proper efforts to assist the Publication Board in increasing their circulation.

From the report of the Publishing Committee on the Reformed Church *Tidings*, we learn that the circulation of said paper has exceeded 19,000 copies. With reference to this publication we recommend the following:

Resolved, That we request the several Classes of this Synod to call the attention of the pastors and consistories to the Reformed Church *Tidings*, urging them to make all reasonable efforts to place it in all our families.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. SCHAEFFER, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday morning, W. Rush Gillan, Esq., was elected a member of the Reformed Church Publication Board, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE: W. Rush Gillan, Esq., for four years; and Elder S. Hoeflich, for one year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday forenoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of the

Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock on Saturday morning. At the time designated the election was held, Revs. I. W. Hendricks, A. Batemann, and Elders A. H. Geiman and A. A. Hammar acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Woman's College, Theological Seminary, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, and Publication.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Standing Committee on Orphan Homes begs leave to offer the following report:

There were placed in our hands the report of the Board of Managers of Bethany Orphan Home, together with the annual report of the Home. From these and the addresses delivered by representatives of the Bethany and St. Paul's Homes, we learn that the Homes are enjoying the blessings of divine favor, and the sympathy and support of the people of our Church.

The following facts in connection with the Homes we believe to be worthy of the attention of Synod:

There are at present in Bethany Orphan Home 130 children, of whom 15 are from the Synod of the Potomac.

There are present in St. Paul's Home 85 with arrangements for five additional. Of this number 65 are church orphans, 13 being from the Synod of the Potomac.

The indebtedness of Bethany Home is larger than at this time last year, being about \$3,000.

The indebtedness of St. Paul's Home is about \$11,000.

The expenses of maintaining the inmates of St. Paul's Home from within the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac during the past year, were about \$300 more than the amount contributed by our Synod.

Bethany is under the care of the Eastern Synod with a constituency of over 95,000 members.

St. Paul's is under the care of Pittsburgh Synod with a constituency of about 18,000 members.

Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we commend anew these Homes to the sympathy of our pastors and people and recommend that the

offerings be increased to meet the growing demands of the institutions, keeping in mind their relative needs and resources.

Resolved, That it be especially urged that the charges within the bounds of this Synod strive to increase their offerings to St. Paul's Home, so as at least to meet the expenses of the children sent from the Synod to said Home.

Resolved, That St. Paul's Board of Managers be requested to submit to this Synod an annual report showing, among other things the financial operations of the year and that both St. Paul's and Bethany be requested to report to this Synod the amounts contributed from within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. HARNISH, *Chairman*.

Revs. C. R. Dieffenbacher, in behalf of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, in behalf of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, needs and claims of those Homes respectively.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church in the United States, we present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing with September 30th, 1898:

RECEIPTS.	
Gettysburg Classis.....	\$176 23
Maryland Classis.....	139 15
Zion's Classis.....	73 53
Virginia Classis.....	65 00
Juniata Classis	47 57
Carlisle Classis	43 10
Mercersburg Classis.....	27 78
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	\$569 36

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to nine annuitants..... \$540 00

We call attention, also, to the needs of the "Daniel Stine Memorial Home," located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged ministers, their wives, and the widows of ministers. The Home is open, and has one minister residing in it. It appeals for immediate help. that it may be properly maintained and successfully carried forward.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit preside over your deliberations, I am yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, of the Reformed Church in the United States, present the following statement of its financial operations for the year closing with September 30th, 1898, for publication in the minutes of your reverend body, to wit:

RECEIPTS.

From balance in Treasury as per last report..	\$2,721 29
" interest on invested fund.....	2,386 61
" loans paid	2,400 00
" collections in the churches.....	1,680 80
" bequest of Mrs. C. E. Santee.....	600 00
" Pittsburgh Synod, special	400 00
" individual sources	128 15
" special appeal	107 50
For Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	2,069 33
Total	\$12,493 68

EXPENDITURES.

For new investment	\$3,600 00
" 45 annuitants	3,002 50
" Dan'l Stine Mem. Home.....	1,855 05
" Expenses	209 96
By cash in Treasury Sept. 30, '98.....	3,826 17
Total	\$12,493 68
Invested Fund	\$38,850 00

The following ministers have been made members of the society during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Samuel C. Long, Wm. J. Muir, James B. Stoneseifer, Samuel A. Leinbach, A. M. Masonheimer, Ph.D., Silas P. Mauger, Aaron H. Leisz, Morgan A. Peters, E. W. Stonebraker, John S. Stahr, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, Henry Y. Stoner, C. A. Limberg, E. D. Meixell, Silas B. Mase, Wm. H. Tussing, D. S. Stephan, Joseph A. Keller, D.D., Geo. M. Zacharias, Christopher Noss, Chas. H. Mutchler and Peter E. Heimer.

Annual Members.—Revs. Geo. P. Hartzell, J. W. Grossheusch and John Vogt, D.D.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

REV. WM. M. DEATRICK, D.D., *President*, Bedford, Pa.

REV. T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary*, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

REV. SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*, Myerstown, Pa.

The foregoing statement was referred for consideration to a special committee, consisting of Revs. S. M. Røeder, J. C.

Leonard, and Elder J. H. Cost. This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Rev. Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and in connection therewith a general statement of the financial operations of same would respectfully submit the following report:

From these reports we learn with pleasure that the interest in this noble cause is growing, and as a result the offerings for this cause have been more than three hundred dollars in excess of those of the previous year. Especially is it gratifying to know that the offerings from within the bounds of this Synod have exceeded the amount paid to annuitants. We recommend:

1. That these reports be published in the Minutes of Synod.

2. That this Synod hereby expresses its renewed confidence in the management of the society and heartily commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and the earnest prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

3. That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the society, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift, at least, one collection annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in the synodical year.

4. We also learn from the Treasurer's Report that the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, located at Myerstown, Pa., is open, and has one minister residing in it; that it is in readiness for those who may apply for entrance; and that it is in need of the encouragement and help of the Church, and therefore, we recommend that the Classes be requested to direct their pastors to make an effort to secure at least five dollars in addition to be applied to the support of this home.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. ROEDER, *Chairman.*

In connection with item 20 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the Stated Clerk presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely:

In obedience to the instructions of the Synod, the Committee had cuts made of Michael Schlatter and of the flagon and chalice, both bearing the date 1747, which were used at the Synodical Communion of last year, and also reduced facsimile cuts of the introductory page of the Church Register of the Conewago congregation, and the two pages of baptisms in the

same volume, in the handwriting of Mr. Schlatter. These cuts or negatives were made under the supervision of the Rev. A. T. G. Apple, in Washington, D. C., at a cost of \$28.85, which was paid by the Treasurer of Synod.

The plate from which the cut of the Stated Clerk was printed, was kindly loaned for the occasion by the Reformed Church Publication Board, and cost the Synod nothing.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Item 2 of the Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. C. Bowman, W. Goodrich and Elder J. S. Corle. This committee reported, during the session of Saturday afternoon, which was received, and after considerable discussion an amendment was adopted, referring the overture from the Board of Education to another committee, composed of Revs. A. Spangler, W. Goodrich, G. B. Russell, J. S. Garrison, M. M. Noacher, T. C. Strock and F. A. Rupley, D.D., to report to the next annual meeting of the Synod.

In regard to item 9 of the Report on Overtures, a motion was made and adopted, ordering the communication of Rev. G. M. Zacharias to be handed to the editor of the Reformed Church *Messenger*, who was present, for publication in the *Messenger*. The Stated Clerk was instructed to send three copies of last year's Minutes to Rev. Zacharias to be placed in the libraries designated by him in his letter. And, on motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to furnish the Rev. George M. Zacharias with the sum of one hundred dollars to enable him to prosecute his present work in Holland.

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Consistory of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held, twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod appoint a committee of three to secure for publication copies of the addresses delivered at the Schlatter Memorial Services, held by this Synod in Hagerstown, Md., last year, by Revs. C. Cort and E. R. Eschbach, and also the address prepared by Elder John E. Roller for that occasion; provided the Synod incur no expenses in connection with the publication. The committee called for consists of Rev. C. Cort, H. Ditzler, and Prof. J. H. Apple.

ARTICLE XXII.

Ministerial Necrology.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last meeting of the Synod, furnished the following report, which was received during the session of Wednesday afternoon, and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Ministerial Necrology begs leave to offer the following report:

During the past synodical year but one death occurred in the ministry of our Synod.

REV. JACOB OTT MILLER, A.M., D.D.

Dr. Miller, a son of Jacob H. and Anna M. Miller, was born in Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., Va., December 30, 1822.

At an early age he taught school and prepared himself for college. In 1845 he entered the Sophomore class of Marshall College, graduating as valedictorian in 1848, and from the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg in 1850. He was licensed and ordained Oct. 13 of the same year by the Classis of Virginia, at Martinsburg, W. Va.

He served the church at Winchester, Va., until January 1, 1853, when he accepted a call to the First Reformed church of York, Pa., where he labored as a faithful and efficient pastor until the time of his death.

Dr. Miller manifested an interest in all the affairs of the Church but especially so in its educational institutions and missionary operations. Since 1856, with the exception of a few years, he was a Trustee of Franklin and Marshall College. With the interruption of a few years he was a member of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster since 1873, and its President at the time of his death. He was a member of the Board of Home Missions and its President since 1871.

On August 30, 1854, Dr. Miller was married to Miss Augusta V. L. McChesney.

After a very brief illness he entered into rest April 18, 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. P. STEM, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be ten-

dered to the pastor, consistories and members of the Woodstock charge, and also other residents of Woodstock and vicinity for their generous hospitality extended to us during our present sojourn among them.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished to Pastor Skyles, to be read by him from the pulpits of his charge upon the first opportunity, and to be published in the papers of Woodstock.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk return the thanks of the Synod to the General Passenger Agents of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the Cumberland Valley Railroad, and the Southern Railway for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's sessions was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely:

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in St. Paul's Reformed Church (English) of Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday evening, October 24th, A. D. 1899, at 8 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday afternoon, October 31st, 1898, at 3.15 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic Benediction by the President.

T. FRANKLIN HOFFMEIER, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

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WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

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CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.							ADDITIONS			LOSSES.				CONTRIBUTIONS.			POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
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Jos. W. Santee, D.D.	Without charge.	1	608	523	320	27	29	6	54	4	24	11	\$1,673	\$0	\$2,675	\$0	Mercesburg, Pa.		
Geo. L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge.	2	197	190	85	6	4	1	5	1	1	4	185	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	1638 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.		
Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D.	Evangelical Reformed.	1	475	351	218	11	3	12	11	4	9	8	870	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	Frederick, Md.		
Wm. Goodrich.	Clearspring.	1	602	464	377	27	1	36	10	3	9	2	530	\$0	\$2,333	\$0	Hagerstown, Md.		
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Zion.	3	191	160	105	6	4	7	1	7	1	1	170	\$0	\$1,051	\$0	822 N. Calvert St., Balt., Md.		
Joel T. Rosmiller, D.D.	First.	1	340	275	62	5	10	1	1	2	4	1	1200	\$0	\$4,500	\$0	Mt. Pleasant, Md.		
T. Franklin Hofmeier.	Mt. Pleasant.	3	389	247	272	21	2	14	2	1	5	4	222	\$0	\$755	\$0	516 W. Mulberry St., Balt., Md.		
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Third.	1	183	132	128	21	1	14	2	3	8	1	239	\$0	\$936	\$0	Frederick, Md.		
Silas M. Hensch.	Utica.	3	254	230	102	610	23	4	4	3	7	1	254	\$0	\$765	\$0	Clearspring, Md.		
Jacob B. Kerchner.	Disabled.	2	145	127	73	2	1	7	3	1	2	185	\$0	\$1,963	\$0	Hagerstown, Md.			
Louis F. Zinkham.	Supt. Bayview.	2	317	238	169	7	2	10	7	3	1	2	266	\$0	\$1,913	\$0	130 S. Patterson Park Ave., Balt., Md.		
E. Ranson Dearick, B.D.	Trinity.	1	210	133	225	31	19	8	6	6	18	234	\$0	\$195	\$0	Thurmont, Frederick Co., Md.			
Barton R. Carnahan.	Westminster.	4	471	402	523	31	12	12	5	20	3	265	\$0	\$800	\$0	1405 15th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.			
Calvin S. Slagle.	Faith.	2	215	203	114	10	8	4	1	4	1	113	\$0	\$805	\$0	Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.			
Geo. A. Snyder.	Thurmont.	2	121	79	85	13	1	6	5	1	4	1	139	\$0	\$508	\$0	Boonsboro, Washington Co., Md.		
Adam S. Weber.	Grace, Washington.	3	282	212	90	10	1	12	3	5	2	2	151	\$0	\$1,074	\$0	306 E. 23d St., Baltimore, Md.		
George A. Whitmore.	Jefferson.	2	206	176	150	8	1	10	2	16	4	4	203	\$0	\$271	\$0	Westminster, Md.		
A. Thos. G. Apple.	Boonsboro.	3	180	140	110	10	1	1	17	2	4	3	235	\$0	\$1,300	\$0	Adamstown, Md.		
George W. Snyder.	St. Stephen's.	3	255	228	118	13	12	5	5	1	2	2110	\$0	\$2,031	\$0	Frederick, Md.			
Charles W. Levan.	Carroll.	1	437	351	390	26	2	15	10	12	5	16	660	\$0	\$2,818	\$0	304 N. Carey St., Balt., Md.		
Hiram J. Macalister.	Glade.	3	543	400	252	16	6	8	12	22	6	2	239	\$0	\$1,111	\$0	Manchester, Carroll Co., Md.		
Atwill Conner.	Manor.	2	155	127	72	4	1	3	1	1	1	108	\$0	\$300	\$0	Burkittsville, Frederick Co., Md.			
William I. Stewart, B.D.	St. Paul's (Eng.), Balt.	2	309	289	162	17	8	12	8	3	4	2	196	\$0	\$1,300	\$0	Taneytown, Carroll Co., Md.		
Isaac M. Metter.	Manchester.	3	290	240	125	14	3	16	3	4	6	2	143	\$0	\$620	\$0	Union Bridge, Carroll Co., Md.		
Lloyd E. Coblenz.	Burkittsville.	1	530	395	341	25	17	2	4	1	7	3	391	\$0	\$500	\$0	Silver Run, Carroll Co., Md.		
Samuel M. Roeder.	Thurmont.	1	108	93	75	33	30	14	1	2	1	2	40	\$0	\$34	\$0	Myers town, Pa.		
Wm. C. Sykes.	Union Bridge.	1	155	133	73	23	1	3	3	5	5	1	96	\$0	\$700	\$0	110 W. Ostend St., Balt., Md.		
Alexander Bateman.	Silver Run.	3	116	106	99	7	5	3	2	3	4	2	52	\$0	\$60	\$0	Emmitsburg, Frederick Co., Md.		
K. Olin Seward.	Supt. Daniel Stine Home.	3	369	358	100	6	3	10	9	7	6	5	233	\$0	\$500	\$0	Sabillasville, Frederick Co., Md.		
Alfred S. Seward.	Grace, Baltimore.	1	489	403	238	21	1	19	5	10	24	10	585	\$0	\$1,175	\$0	Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.		
Simon S. Miller.	Emmitsburg.	1	61														Amsterdam, Holland.		
Frederic W. Bald.	Sabillasville.	1	129	112													Sendal, Japan.		
Wm. C. B. Shulenberger.	Cavetown.	1	61	44	29												Middletown, Md.		
Cyrus Cort, D.D.	Without charge.	1	21	9	14	2											Frederick, Md.		
Samuel H. Dietzel.	Prof. Theo. Seminary.	1	439	403	238	21	1	19	5	10	24	10	585	\$0	\$1,175	\$0	Ridgely, Caroline Co., Md.		
Geo. M. de F. Zacharias.	Middletown.	1	61														Frederick, Md.		
Christopher Noss.	Grace, Frederick.	1	129	112													Frederick, Md.		
John W. Pontius.	St. Paul's, Ridgely.	1	61	44	29												Ridgely, Caroline Co., Md.		
Eugene L. McLean.	Fairview.	1	21	9	14	2											Frederick, Md.		
Amos O. Reiter.	Centerville, St. Peter's.	1	61	44	29												Frederick, Md.		
Supply J. W. Pontius.	N. E. Balt. Sunday-school.	1	21	9	14	2											Washington, D. C.		
Supply T. F. Hofmeier.	Pres. Woman's College.	1	21	9	14	2											Frederick, Md.		
Jos. H. Apple, Lic.	Without charge.	1	61	44	29												Washington, D. C.		
R. Franklin Malm, Lic.	Without charge.	1	61	44	29												Washington, D. C.		
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CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.				Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
			Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Report.	Dismissed.	Resigned or Communicated.	Deaths—Communi- cants.	Deaths—Uncon- firmed.		Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
William M. Deatrick, D.D.	Without charge.	1	80	60	58		2						\$27 50		Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.		
Jacob Hassler, D.D.	Without charge.	1	80	60	58		2							84 76	225 00	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William C. Grener, D.D.	Supply Middleburg.	2	435	386	140	8	2	13	4	5				600 90	1800 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Franklin F. Bahner, D.D.	Waynesboro.															Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without charge.															Greenville, Franklin Co., Pa.	
George B. Russell, D.D.	Without charge.															Zuillinger, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Jonas B. Shonts.	2d Church, Chambersburg.	1	309	281	149	17	7	21	5	4				291 00	1723 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Irwin M. Beaver.	Grindstonehill.	2	406	348	177	8	15	20	8	9	14	4	6	1	549 57	1139 19	Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.
William C. Schaefer, Ph.D.	1st Church, Chambersburg.	1	380	279	250	8	5	22	10	2			10	1	700 76	1617 32	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Henry N. Bassler.	St. Thomas.	4	219	273	100	18	12	21	16	6			4	2	130 00	1155 00	St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.
Isaac N. Feightel.	Greencastle.	1	208	284	156	8	5	11	9	2	1		7	2	423 00	2590 00	Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.
Albert H. Hibbman.	Shippensburg.	1	315	279	97	11	8	13	13	6			1	5	560 00	1560 00	Shippensburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.
Charles A. Santee.	Mercersburg.	2	294	260	116	6	2	9	1	1			1	5	440 00	2347 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Charles M. Smith.	McConnellsburg.	3	149	159	72	3	5	13	4				4	3	66 92	643 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa.
Edward O. Keen.	St. Paul's, Waynesboro.	2	240	197	146	3	1	7	7	4			1	1	450 00	1000 00	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.
Christian Gambert.	Loudon.	3	239	180	90	6	2	5					1	2	94 63	680 00	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.
Vacant.	Mont Alto.	3	95	75	45	2	1	4							44 50	147 12	Mont Alto, Franklin Co., Pa.
George R. Zacharias.	Disabled.															Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
John M. North.	Disabled licentiate.															Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William M. Irvine, Ph.D.	Lic. Pres. Mercersburg Col.																
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CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.				Additions.				Losses.				Contribut'n		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
			Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Repro-	Dismissed.	Resure of Names.	Deaths—Communi-	Deaths—Uncon-	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
H. St. John Rinker.....	Without charge	1	365	290	200	5	9	8	10	1	3				\$450	\$1000	Mauertown, Va.
John A. Hoffhaus, D.D.....	Martinsburg.....	1	10	10	7	6	1	1	2	1	4	2			10	40	Martinsburg, W. Va.
John W. Rauch.....	Falling Waters.....	2	146	119	69	2	4	7	2	1	1				228	500	Martinsburg, W. Va.
Geo. G. Everhart.....	Shepherdstown.....																Bayard, Va.
Joseph May.....	Without charge	2	173	154	46	1	5	9	6	8	4	3			325	824	
Vacant.....	Mt. Crawford.....	2	128	96	100	11	6	3	2	2					197	400	Winchester, Va.
James B. Stonelifer.....	Winchester.....																Edinburg, Va.
Samuel A. Hitner.....	Without charge	2	211	136	68	3	8	3	3	3	1				235	532	Tom's Brook, Va.
Albert B. Bauman.....	Harrisville.....	2	221	186	150	10	7	14	4	2	9				540	718	Woodstock, Va.
Nehemiah H. Skyles.....	Woodstock.....	2	202	161	94	12	3	13	23	22	4	4			205	471	Timberville, Va.
J. Philip Harner.....	Timberville.....	4	175	146	161	7	1	9	1	8	1				197	873	Mt. Jackson, Va.
Henry Dittler.....	Mill Creek.....	4	406	328	91	10	24	18	8	5	1	11		1	640	996	Mt. Crawford, Va.
Abraham D. Wolfinger.....	Rockingham.....	3	163	134	80	2	1	4	1	5	1	4			99	686	Edinburg, Va.
J. Silor Garrison.....	Edinburg.....	2	183	145	63	2	2	9	8						130	610	Lovettsville, Va.
Lewis T. Lampe.....	Rockingham.....	1	16		8										76	674	Middlebrook, Va.
R. Raymond Jones.....	Middlebrook.....	1	23		23										6		Roanoke, Va.
Supplied.....	Smithfield.....	1	17	10	5										10	105	
Supplied.....	Roanoke.....	1	19	15	15	1	1								25	174	
Supplied.....	Wheeler.....	1	19	15	15	1	1										
Vacant.....	Harrisburg.....																
14.		33	2567	2037	1251	74	63	106	74	45	15	48	7	1	\$2273	\$9211	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	Members.										Additions.			Losses.			Contribut'n		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.										
		Communicants.		Uncommuned.		Infant Baptisms.		Adult Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Certificate or Repro- bation.		Dismissed.		Deaths—Communi- cants.		Deaths—Uncommuned.			Students for Ministry		Benovolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes.					
		Communed.	Uncommuned.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Repro- bation.	Dismissed.	Transfer of Names.	Deaths—Communi- cants.	Deaths—Uncommuned.	Students for Ministry	Benovolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes.																
Thomas Long.....	Without charge.....	3	214	186	120	10	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Salem, N. C.			
Jesse W. Cecil.....	Without charge.....	3	242	209	18	1	23	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	Thomasville, N. C.		
John Ingle.....	Without charge.....																											Green Park, N. C.		
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.....	Pres. Catawba College.....																											Newton, N. C.		
Peter M. Trezier, D.D.....	Prof. in Catawba College.....																											Newton, N. C.		
Michael L. Hedrick.....	Without charge.....																											Silver Hill, N. C.		
John A. Foll, Ph.D.....	Prof. in Catawba College.....																											Newton, N. C.		
Paul Barringer.....	New Gilgled.....	2	214	186	120	10	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.		
Joseph L. Murphy.....	Hickory.....	3	242	209	18	1	23	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	2	4	Hickory, N. C.	
Job C. Leonard, B.D.....	Field Sec. Catawba College.....																											Lexington, N. C.		
J. M. Luther Lively.....	Central Rowan.....	4	163	157	130	12	2	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Crescent, N. C.		
James D. Andrew.....	Guilford.....	2	350	316	134	11	3	22	1	3	21	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Danville, N. C.		
Julius H. Shuford.....	Without charge.....	4	453	296	126	10	2	11	2	5	22	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Middlebrook, Va.	
Harvey A. M. Roishouser.....	Upper Davidson.....	4	235	235	225	13	1	30	4	1	23	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	Lexington, N. C.	
William H. McNairy.....	East Rowan.....	2	333	233	222	13	1	30	4	1	23	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	Rockwell, N. C.	
B. Frank Davis.....	Without charge.....	2	200	194	127	17	1	10	5	6	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Westchester, Pa.	
Anthony Shulenberger.....	West Rowan.....	3	176	136	33	6	11	19	6	2	20	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	China Grove, N. C.	
Clarence Clapp.....	Thomasville.....	1	16	16	8	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Thomasville, N. C.	
Wm. H. Stubblebine.....	Salisbury.....	4	806	285	127	16	4	19	7	3	7	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Salisbury, N. C.	
Theodore C. Benson.....	Lincoln.....	5	425	237	149	7	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Maiden, N. C.	
Lewis M. Kerschner.....	Lower Davidson.....	4	102	127	60	3	3	3	1	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	McKee, N. C.	
Charles H. Reidsel.....	Catawba.....	1	155	113	60	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Conover, N. C.	
Wm. A. Long, Ph.D.....	Newton.....	1	57	35	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Newton, N. C.	
Vacant.....	Concord.....	3	94	69	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Concord, N. C.	
J. D. Andrews, supply.....	Burlington.....	1	20	20	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Burlington, N. C.	
J. L. Murphy, supply.....	Mt. Bethel.....	2	84	69	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Blowing Rock, N. C.	
P. M. Trezier, supply.....	Lenoir.....	1	20	20	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Lenoir, N. C.	
22.		48	3301	2611	1460	133	13	140	47	24	110	43	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	61568	17850

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CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.														ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		No. of Congregations.		Communed.		Uncommuned.		Infant Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Certificate or Repro- tation.		Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communi- cants.	Deaths—Uncom- municants.	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes.			
Wm. R. H. Deatrich, D.D.	New Bloomfield.	1	72	70	43	10	5	6	5							3	1	2	\$ 95 00	\$ 375 00	New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa.			
J. David Miller	Duncannon	3	230	189	82	8	6	32	8							2			189 85	530 00	Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa.			
Wm. H. Groh	Sulphur Spring	4	190	153	89	3	1	3	1	6						8	2		174 42	660 05	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.			
Geo. A. House	Landisburg	4	410	316	230	13	1	13	2	12						1	5		343 00	1482 00	Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa.			
Miles O. Noll	Carlisle	1	352	340	156	11	2	8	14	3						8	5		500 00	2962 00	Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa.			
Titus C. Streck	Zion's	4	544	338	435	22	1	7	17	18						1	10	2	275 16	1159 20	Blain, Perry Co., Pa.			
Henry H. Ranc	Mechanicsburg	1	250	190	112	13	6	11	14	4						12	6	2	238 00	1540 72	Mechanicsburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.			
James M. Mullan	Newport.	2	343	296	147	23	14	14	30	16						4	8		316 47	1681 00	Newport, Perry Co., Pa.			
Solomon B. Schaler	Without charge.																				Martinsburg, Blain Co., Pa.			
Samuel N. Callender, D.D.	Sec. Foreign Missions.																				Mechanicsburg, Cumb. Co., Pa.			
Samuel P. Stauffer	Without charge.																				York, York Co., Pa.			
R. Leighton Gerhart, D.D.	Newburg.	1	131	98	82	2			2							1	3	1	103 45	233 47	Newburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.			
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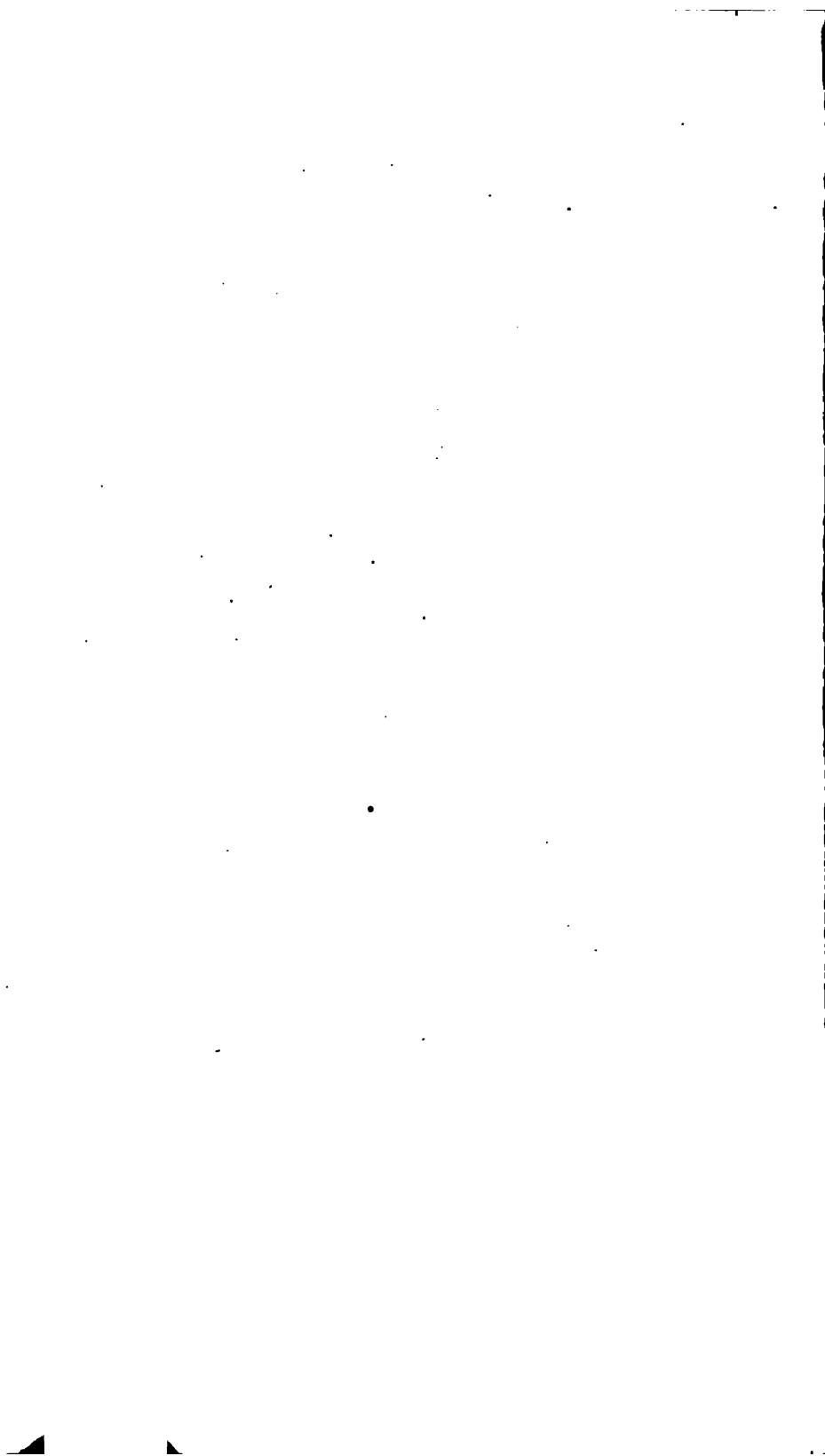
MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.		Additions.		Losses.		Contributions.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.						
			Communicants.	Uncon- firmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed. Certificate or Repto- rission.	Dis- missed.	Ex- communicated.	Deaths—Communi- cants.		Deaths—Uncon- firmed.	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes		Congregational Purposes.	
Frederick A. Rupley, D.D.	Without charge	3	287	225	157	15	3	7	8	3	2	7	7	\$324 00		\$ 723 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
S. Charles Slover.....	Dunning's Creek.....	1	431	413	240	10	5	14	17	70	11	1	5	750 00		1907 00	Casema, Bedford Co., Pa.
John F. Moyer.....	Christ Church, Altoona.....	4	421	389	668	29	5	16	3	4	1	14	3	433 00		604 00	Claysburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Simon U. Waugman.....	Greensfield.....	3	226	215	194	13	5	6	2	13	5	6	2	153 00		441 00	Schellsburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
Daniel G. Hetrick.....	Schellsburg.....	3	248	237	102	22	26	9	10	1	1	1	1	110 00		1650 00	Loyalsburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
Edward W. Stonebraker....	Yellow Creek.....	3	53	54	19	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	46 00		110 00	Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Andrew C. Geary.....	Supply Orleania.....	2	148	131	100	2	2	6	4	5	1	2	3	125 00		575 00	Saxton, Pa.
William H. Landis.....	Saxton.....	3	332	331	279	14	1	16	7	10	14	9	3	253 00		3100 00	Mar's Choice, Bedford Co., Pa.
Homar S. May.....	Sulphur Springs.....	1	380	313	300	16	4	17	19	3	16	1	1	63 00		700 00	Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.
Lewis C. Harnish.....	Trinity Church, Altoona.....	3	135	110	40	6	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	508 00		1294 00	Clearville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Frederick A. Rupley, Jr....	Water Ridge.....	3	443	381	178	11	3	7	3	7	16	6	1	782 00		245 00	Alexandria, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Charles H. Slinghoff.....	McConnellstown.....	3	351	337	148	7	6	10	10	21	11	9	1	113 00		1113 00	McConnellstown, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Charles E. Crelts.....	Huntingdon.....	1	290	243	110	6	2	3	13	9	6	1	1	213 00		1350 00	Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Irwin W. Hendricks.....	Bedford.....	1	158	139	76	6	4	3	5	6	4	1	1	294 00		996 00	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.
Thomas K. Cromer.....	St. Clairsville.....	3	350	333	183	13	6	14	2	1	7	2	1	414 00		924 00	St. Clairsville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Vacant.....	Woodcock Valley.....	3	434	390	154	17	10	17	18	9	3	2	1	94 00		715 00	James Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa.
Edward M. Beck.....	Hickory Bottom.....	3	355	335	123	24	3	9	6	2	7	1	1	211 00		943 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Gustavus R. Poetler.....	Martinsburg.....	2	290	243	163	2	1	2	3	14	6	1	1	106 00		337 00	Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.
Calvin B. Haller.....	Everett.....	2	174	134	87	11	2	15	6	1	5	1	1	157 00		235 00	Everett, Bedford Co., Pa.
Calvin F. Wehr.....	Friend's Cove.....	1	573	181							2	4		13 00		310 00	Charlottesville, Bedford Co., Pa.
Paul S. Leinbach.....	Grace Mission, Altoona.....	1	90	50	100	3					1						Altoona, Blair Co., Pa.
21.		51	5315	5092	3316	241	75	240	142	133	193	108	33	5	\$35319 00	\$13863 00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, A. D. 1898.

CLASSES.	No. of Congregations.		Members.		Additions.		Losses.				Contributions.						
	Churches.	Minist'rs.	Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Re-negat. of Prof.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purpose.		
Zion's.....	13	36	4875	3974	288	38	367	98	38	55	73	43	3	\$4417 00	\$28515 00		
Maryland.....	43	64	9774	7868	6417	454	37	386	197	2	140	149	107	9	13031 00	51610 00	
Mercersburg.....	19	26	3599	2010	1597	93	66	152	74	41	19	61	28	7	4288 53	16015 00	
Virginia.....	16	23	2587	2037	1351	74	63	106	74	45	15	48	1	1	3273 00	9211 00	
North Carolina.....	28	43	3301	2611	1480	128	23	140	47	34	110	43	12	8	3568 00	7869 00	
Gettysburg.....	18	29	5812	5171	3319	806	27	274	113	75	39	95	64	10	4788 00	17089 00	
Carlisle.....	12	21	2322	2050	1365	109	31	93	62	64	36	54	7	6	2336 15	13343 54	
Juniata.....	21	51	5915	5092	3216	241	78	240	142	189	93	108	33	5	5519 00	18653 00	
Synod of Potomac (Total).....	8	165	33335	21519	20941	1899	350	165	307	687	2	5045	618	48	\$33099 74	\$160487 17	
Eastern Synod.....	13	296	5321	97849	80477	51353	5342	576	4654	1768	1456	21024	1637	892	84326 00	428416 00	
Ohio Synod.....	6	123	230	27846	19355	6239	836	542	1120	906	524	5	697	233	39	17945 00	101945 00
Synod of Pittsburgh.....	5	81	139	18100	15346	9614	893	1462	977	774	596	1	448	230	83	21395 53	94173 02
Synod of the Northwest.....	11	154	214	20943	15438	1779	37	1128	799	322	15	571	297	294	17945 00	101945 00	
German Synod of the East.....	5	64	56	14945	12156	11433	1997	37	93	543	77	1	573	279	300	19083 00	106151 00
Central Synod.....	5	94	123	21288	16173	11778	1146	81	971	683	213	2	687	271	150	13503 00	82276 00
Synod of the Interior.....	5	54	67	3228	2702	3511	117	73	173	170	101	114	39	15	7	4273 76	22753 53
Total 8 District Synods.....	87	1040	1664	133644	137461	113908	11800	11425	7832	4686	29	6229	8643	1990	\$713207550 08	\$31108106 71	

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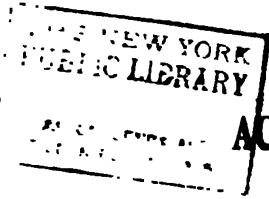
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS
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Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church
in the United States.

AT ITS ANNUAL SESSIONS HELD IN BALTIMORE, MD.

In the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the twenty-fourth and continued until the evening of the thirtieth day of the month inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in St. Paul's Reformed Church (English) of Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday evening, October 24th, A. D. 1899, at 8 o'clock, pursuant to previous appointment, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, from 1 Timothy 1:15—"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Synod was called to order by the President, and formally opened by him with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called by the Stated Clerk, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I.—From the Classis of Zion.

Ministers.—George Stibitz, Ph.D., Henry H. Apple, Aaron Spangler, George W. Shellenberger, A. Theodore Wright.

Elders.—Milton W. Bahn, Jonas Deisinger, M.D., S. Nevin Hench, Israel Laucks.

II.—From the Classis of Maryland.

Ministers.—Barton R. Carnahan, George W. Snyder, At-vill Conner, William C. Sykes, Kenny O. Spessard, Ph.D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Hiram J. Macalister, Samuel M. Roeder, Cyrus Cort, D.D., J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.,^{*} Alexander Bateman, Ph.D.,^{*} Silas M. Hench,^{*} George A. Whitmore.^{*}

Elders.—Charles H. Coblentz, John T. Brown, David C. Hammett, Cephas M. Thomas, William S. Flook, Jacob P. Balthoser, Jacob H. Cost, Calvin A. Thomas, Joseph H. Apple, Edmund S. Everhart, Norman B. Hagan, Samuel H. Miller, George M. Roberts, Abraham H. Geiman.

III.—From the Classis of Mercersburg.

Ministers.—Charles A. Santee, Isaac N. Peightel, Irwin M. Beaver, Jonas B. Shontz, Franklin F. Bahner, D.D., Edward O. Keen.

Elders.—John A. Diehl, J. Edward Omwake, Henry Mickle, Casper Wickie, Samuel Hoeflich.

IV.—From the Classis of Virginia.

Ministers.—John A. Hoffheins, D.D., Henry Ditzler, Albert B. Bauman, Abraham D. Wolfinger, J. Philip Harner, Ellis S. Hay.

Elders.—Daniel S. Rentch, Theodore N. Sellers, M.D., Richard L. Gray, John H. Bauserman, John S. Palmer, Charles P. Matthaei.^{*}

V.—From the Classis of North Carolina.

Ministers.—James D. Andrew, Theodore C. Hesson, William H. McNairy, Jacob N. Faust, Joseph L. Murphy.^{*}

VI.—From the Classis of Gettysburg.

Ministers.—Milton M. Noacher, George B. Resser, Frederick C. Seitz, Walter E. Krebs, D.D., Marsby J. Roth, John F. Mackley, Francis S. Lindaman.^{*}

Elders.—Andrew R. Brodbeck, Jacob H. Schriver, John P. Butt, Greenbury W. Weaver, William J. Feezer,^{*} William F. Stanbury.

VII.—From the Classis of Carlisle.

Ministers.—Miles O. Noll, J. David Miller, Charles H. Brandt, James M. Mullan.

Elders.—Ephraim A. Shulenberger, D.D.S., John H. Sheibly, Jeremiah V. Fickes.

VIII.—From the Classis of Juniata.

Ministers.—Charles E. Creitz, Edward M. Beck, John F. Moyer, Calvin B. Heller, Gustavus R. Poetter, Paul S. Leinbach, Edward W. Stonebraker.

Elders.—William C. Gerst, Max Bechhoefer, John Brewster, Amos C. Daniel, D.D.S., David M. Stoler, Calvin Bowser, James A. Heffner.

NOTE.—The figures at the end of a name indicate the day on which a delegate took his seat, who was not present at the opening of the Synod.

Rev. Simon S. Miller occupied the seat of Rev. J. S. Kieffer during the sessions of the first two days; Rev. Charles W. Levan that of Rev. S. M. Hench during the sessions of the first three days, and of Rev. S. M. Roeder the last day, and Rev. J. B. Stonesifer that of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins during the fourth day.

Revs. E. W. Stonebraker, C. E. Creitz, T. C. Hesson, W. H. McNairy, J. N. Faust, J. L. Murphy, F. F. Bahner, and Elders R. L. Gray, J. T. Brown, W. S. Flook, J. H. Apple, N. B. Hagan, A. C. Daniels, S. Hoeflich; E. A. Shulenberger and S. N. Hench obtained leave of absence, most of them on the last day of the sessions.

Advisory Members.

The following advisory members were present at one or more of the sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Zion's Classis.—Rev. H. M. John Kline.

Maryland Classis.—Revs. Lloyd E. Coblenz, Conrad Clever, D.D., E. Ranson Deatrick, B.D., William I. Stewart, B.D., Simon S. Miller, Adam S. Weber, Joel T. Rossiter, D.D., George M. D. Zacharias, Louis F. Zinkham, Henry F. Dittmar, William C. B. Shulenberger, Charles W. Levan; Eugene L. McLean, George L. Staley, D.D., Calvin S. Slagle, Isaac M. Motter.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., Henry N. Bassler, Charles M. Smith.

Virginia Classis.—Revs. George G. Everhart, James B. Stonesifer, Jacob S. Garrison.

North Carolina Classis.—Rev. Jacob C. Leonard, B.D.

Gettysburg Classis.—Rev. Paul M. Spangler.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Adam C. Whitmer, Milton H. Sangree, Thomas M. Yundt, Rufus W. Miller, John S. Stahr, D.D., David N. Dittmar, Ellis N. Kremer, D.D., Cyrus J. Musser, G. Jurany.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Revs. Lewis Reiter, Ambrose M. Schmidt, Thomas S. Land, Charles R. Ferner, Albert E. Truxal, D.D.

German Synod of the East.—Revs. Marcus Bachman, D.D., H. C. Schlueter.

Synod of Interior.—Rev. Ernest E. Weaver.

Ministers of Other Churches.

The presence of the following ministers was announced: Rev. James H. Baird, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church, and Revs. F. P. Manhart and W. C. Stoudenmire, of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members were elected the officers of the Synod for the current Synodical year:

Rev. G. B. Resser, *President*, Hanover, Pa.

Rev. I. N. Peightel, *Vice President*, Greencastle, Pa.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. E. O. Keen, *Corresponding Secretary*, Waynesboro, Pa.

Rev. P. S. Leinbach, *Reading Clerk*, Altoona, Pa.

Elder G. N. Forney, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order as adopted by the General Synod at Akron, Ohio, in 1887, were read by the Reading Clerk.

The President, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* as limited to the first eight pews from the chancel railing. The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: the daily session to open at 9 o'clock, with a recess from 11.30 to 2 o'clock, and close at 4.30 o'clock; the evening services to commence at 8 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees, to wit:

Religious Services.—Revs. L. E. Coblentz, C. W. Levan, K. O. Spessard, and Elders D. C. Hammett, J. H. Cost.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, B. R. Carnahan, A. Spangler, and Elders C. H. Coblentz, J. A. Diehl.

Minutes of General Synod.—Revs. G. Stibitz, G. W. Shellenger, G. R. Poetter, and Elders J. H. Bauserman, J. P. Butt.

Overtures.—Revs. H. H. Apple, H. J. Macalister, C. E. Creitz, and Elders D. S. Rentch, W. C. Gerst.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. W. E. Krebs, C. B. Heller, J.

M. Mullan, and Elders A. R. Brodbeck, C. Wicke.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, F. F. Bahner, F. C. Seitz, and Elders T. N. Sellers, J. H. Apple.

State of Religion and Statistics.—Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, S. M. Roeder, J. D. Andrew, and Elders G. W. Weaver, J. Brewster.

Education.—Revs. E. R. Eschbach, M. M. Noacher, P. S. Leinbach, and Elders J. H. Schriver, A. C. Daniels.

Orphan Homes.—Revs. S. S. Miller, M. J. Roth, E. S. Hay, and Elders J. E. Omwake, E. S. Everhart.

Missions.—Revs. C. A. Santee, M. O. Noll, A. T. Wright, and Elders M. W. Bahn, R. L. Gray.

Sunday Schools.—Revs. C. Cort, E. O. Keen, A. Conner, and Elders A. H. Geiman, H. Mickley.

Publication.—Revs. J. D. Miller, G. W. Snyder, C. H. Brandt, and Elders J. V. Fickes, D. M. Stoler.

Finance.—Revs. J. F. Mackley, W. C. Sykes, I. M. Beaver, and Elders S. Hoefflich, J. H. Sheibly.

Nominations.—Revs. J. F. Moyer, H. Ditzler, E. W. Stonebraker, and Elders C. M. Thomas, J. Deisinger.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. T. C. Hesson, E. M. Beck, W. H. McNairy, and Elders J. S. Palmer, J. T. Brown.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle and Juniata, were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes, for examination, except the reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, the Board of Visitors, and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution, and Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the General Board of Home Missions, the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board

of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, read, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read, and referred to the Sunday-school Committee.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Wednesday Evening.—"Home Missions." Service in charge of Rev. J. A. Hoffheins. Speakers, Revs. J. L. Murphy and C. E. Creitz.

Thursday Evening.—"Education." Services in charge of Rev. F. F. Bahuors. Speakers, Revs. H. H. Apple and E. R. Eschbach.

Friday Evening.—Preparatory Service in charge of Rev. J. F. Moyer. Sermon by Rev. G. B. Resser.

Saturday Evening.—"Foreign Missions." Service in charge of Rev. F. C. Seitz. Speakers, Rev. J. S. Kieffer and Mary C. Hollowell.

Sunday Morning, 9 o'clock.—Holy Communion without sermon. Services in charge of Revs. G. B. Resser and I. N. Peightel.

Regular Service, 11 o'clock.—Service by Rev. E. S. Hay. Sermon by Rev. J. S. Kieffer.

Sunday School at 2.45 p. m.—Addresses by Rev. M. O. Noll and Elder D. C. Hammett.

C. E. Prayer and Praise, 7.15 p. m.—Conducted by Rev. Wm. E. Lampe.

Sunday Evening.—"Sunday School and Orphan Homes." Service in charge of Rev. G. W. Snyder. Addresses by Rev. A. B. Bauman and J. B. Shontz.

First Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. J. David Miller; evening, Mary C. Hollowell.

Third Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. J. F. Moyer; evening, Rev. K. O. Spessard.

St. Paul's Reformed Church.—(German). Morning, Rev. G. Stibitz; evening, Rev. M. J. Roth.

Emanuel Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. A. Spangler; evening, Rev. G. Stibitz.

Trinity Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. J. B. Shontz; evening, Rev. C. B. Heller.

Faith Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. J. C. Leonard; evening, Rev. E. O. Keen.

Christ Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. J. D. Andrew; evening, Rev. C. A. Santee.

St. Stephen's Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. F. F. Bahner; evening, Rev. A. Conner.

Grace Reformed Church.—Morning, Rev. I. M. Beaver; evening, Rev. C. H. Brandt.

Northeast Mission.—Rev. J. M. Mullan.

Harrisonburg, Va.—Rev. M. M. Noacher.

Washington, D. C.—Rev. P. S. Leinbach.

Evangelical Church, corner of Fremont and Edmondson avenues, Rev. M. O. Noll.

Franklin Street Methodist Church.—Sunday evening, Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Respectfully submitted,
LLOYD E. COBLENTZ, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon, this committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod, to whom the printed Acts and Proceedings of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items as claiming in our judgment the notice and consideration of this Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 7. The usual standing committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it is to report to the

present meeting of the Synod ; of which committee Rev. C. H. Slinghoff is chairman.

Item 2, page 16. The Classes are earnestly anew requested to accept their full apportionments.

Item 3, page 27. The Synod requests the Classes to take certain action in behalf of the Woman's College at Frederick, Maryland.

Item 4, page 27. The committee appointed in the interests of the Woman's College is recast and continued, of which committee Rev. F. A. Rupley, Jr., is chairman.

Item 5, page 40. The committee appointed to co-operate in the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College is again continued, of which Rev. W. C. Schaeffer is chairman.

Item 6. The President of Synod is appointed to participate in the inauguration of Professor-elect Rev. George W. Richards.

Item 7, page 40. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect three members of the Board of Education, three members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, and one member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, in place of those whose terms of office will shortly terminate.

Item 8, page 53. The Synod urges the several Classes to make special efforts to raise promptly and fully the amounts apportioned upon them for Foreign Missions.

Item 9, page 53. The Synod also urges that renewed efforts be made by the Classes to raise the full amounts assigned them for Home Missions.

Item 10, page 54. It becomes necessary for the Synod to elect a member of the Synodic Board of Missions, to fill the place of the one whose term of service expires with the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 11, page 58. Apportionments are made upon the several Classes for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, Harbor Missions, Work among the Germans, Beneficiary Education, Theological Seminary, Catawba College, Calvin College and Contingent Fund of Synod.

Item 12, page 59. Certain arrearages are noted as still existing on apportionments for the Contingent Fund of the Synod, Contingent Fund of the General Synod, Catawba College, and Calvin College.

Item 13, page 60. The Trustees of Synod are required annually to furnish the Synod with a proper audit of the Professorship endowment funds.

Item 14, page 60. Certain action is taken in regard to the Philip Brechbill legacy of \$200.00.

Item 15, page 61. It will be necessary to elect a member of

Synod's Board of Trustees, to fill the place of the one whose term of service will end on the first of next January.

Item 16, page 62. Certain action regarding Sunday School matters are referred to the Classes with instructions.

Item 17, page 62. The General Synod is petitioned to re-insert in the statistical tables the number of Sunday Schools, officers and teachers, and scholars.

Item 18, page 67. The Classes are urged to make all proper efforts to assist the Board of Publication in its endeavor to place its business on a cash basis, etc.

Item 19, page 68. The Classes are also urged to put forth all proper effort to increase the circulation of the Reformed Church Messenger and the Reformed Church Review.

Item 20, page 68. The Classes are requested to call the attention of their pastors and consistories to the Reformed Church Tidings, urging them to make all reasonable efforts to place it in all their families.

Item 21, page 68. The Stated Clerk is directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of 1898 published.

Item 22, page 68. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Reformed Church Publication Board to fill the vacancy that will occur in said Board next January.

Item 23, page 72. The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct their pastors to lift one collection, at least, annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October, in each Synodical year.

Item 24, page 72. The Classes are also requested to direct their pastors to make an effort to secure at least five dollars in addition, to be applied to the support of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

Item 25, page 73. A special committee is appointed, consisting of Revs. C. Cort, H. Ditzler and Prof. J. H. Apple, to secure copies of the addresses delivered at the Schlatter Memorial Services, during the Synod at Hagerstown in 1897, and publish them; provided the Synod incur no expenses in connection with their publication.

Item 26, page 73. The overture from the Board of Education was referred to a special committee to report to the present meeting of Synod, of which Rev. A. Spangler is chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII..

Ministerial Necrology; on items 2, 3, 8, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 20, 23 and 24, see Article X., Minutes of Classes, for their action on the several items; on item 12, see Article XV., Finance; on items 4, 5, 6 and 26, see Article XIII., Education; items 7, 10, 15 and 22 were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; on items 13 and 14, see Article XV., Finance; on item 17, see Article VIII., Minutes of General Synod; on item 21, see Article XX., Publication; the special committee under item 25 reported progress and was continued.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of General Synod presented its report, during Thursday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on Minutes of General Synod.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod find the following items, which it thinks will require your attention:

Item 1, page 85. The district Synods are directed to pay apportionments for mission work among the Germans in the large cities through the Treasurers of the District Synods.

Item 2, page 89. Church Building apportionment set at 6 cents per member.

Item 3, page 89. The General Synod commends Missionary societies to the sympathy and encouragement of the Synods.

Item 4, page 90. Convention for Twentieth Century Movement in Home Missions in connection with the annual sessions of 1900.

Item 5, page 90. The several Synods are requested to instruct their Classes on the subject of the Twentieth Century Movement.

Item 6, page 181. The General Synod grants the request to re-insert in the statistical tables the number of Sunday Schools, Officers and Teachers, and Sunday School Scholars.

Item 7, page 186. The Stated Clerks of the District Synods are called to aid in furnishing data for a complete list of all licenses and ordination to the ministry.

Item 8, page 200. General Synod apportions to the Synod of the Potomac the following amounts, namely: Contingent Fund, \$1,000.00; Home Missions, \$10,750.00; Harbor Missions, \$160.00; Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$1,120.00; work among Germans, \$840.00; Foreign Missions, \$5,840.00.

Item 9, page 224. General Synod sanctions a modification of the Rules of Order.

Item 10, page 225. General Synod will hold its next triennial sessions in the First Reformed Church of Baltimore, Md., May 20th, A. D. 1902, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. STIBITZ, *Chairman.*

Items 1, 6, and 10 were adopted; items 2 and 8 were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance to make the necessary apportionments; items 3, 4, and 5 were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration; item 7 was referred to the Stated Clerk for compliance therewith.

Note.—The change sanctioned by the General Synod of Rule 26 of Rules of Order, limiting a speaker to thirty minutes instead of one hour, on the same question, unless by consent of the body, was adopted. Had the Eastern Synod used the Rules of Order as modified by the General Synod of Akron, Ohio, in 1887, it would have had no occasion to overture the late General Synod to make a change from "unanimous consent" to "consent of the body"—a change that was already made by the General Synod of Akron, in 1887.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and disposed of item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands as claiming the attention of your reverend body, to wit:

Item 1. A request from the General Board of Home Missions concerning the building of a church in Washington, D. C.

Item 2. A request from the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions concerning the sale of a church property in Stockton, California.

Item 3. An Overture from General Synod's twentieth century movement committee requesting co-operation of this Synod in carrying out its plans.

Item 4. An official communication from the corresponding secretary of Pittsburg Synod reporting its action in reference to the report of the Publication Board.

Item 5. An official communication from the secretary of

the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions in reference to the election of a superintendent of missions.

Item 6. An Overture from five ministers of Zion's Classis, containing a complaint against an action of said Classis.

Item 7. A historical statement and reports of the secretary and treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

Item 8. A communication from the corresponding secretary of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College calling attention to the vacancy in the Board.

Item 9. A book, "The Heidelberg Catechism with Questions," by Rev. Aaron Spangler, A.M.

Item 10. The annual report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home of Butler, Pa.

Item 11. The annual report of Bethany Orphans' Home of Womelsdorf, Pa.

Item 12. The annual report and proceedings and financial report of the Society for the promotion of German-English education and two catalogues of Calvin College of Cleveland, Ohio.

Item 13. The annual report of the Board of Trustees and the annual catalogue of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa.

Item 14. Prospectus and catalogue of Massanutten Academy of Woodstock, Va.

Item 15. A communication from I. C. Stonebraker, of Hagerstown, Md., in regard to the subscription price of the Reformed Church Messenger.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY H. APPLE, *Chairman.*

Items 1 and 3 were referred to the standing committee on Missions for consideration; on item 2, see Article XIV., Missions; items 4 and 15 were referred to the standing committee on Publication; items 5 and 8 were referred to the standing committee on Nominations to make the necessary nominations; on item 6, see Article XVII., Complaints; on items 7 and 9 see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; items 10 and 11 were referred to the standing committee on Orphans' Homes; items 12, 13 and 14 were referred to the standing committee on Education.

ARTICLE X.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes presented its report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which

was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted is as follows:

I.—Irregularities.

1. The Stated Clerks of the Maryland and North Carolina Classes failed to provide complete marginal notes to their minutes.
2. The Stated Clerk of Carlisle Classis failed to state place in Carlisle for next annual meeting.
3. The Carlisle Classis held a business session on Sunday evening.
4. Juniata and Virginia Classes failed to appoint the hour for their next annual meetings.
5. Only one of three members of the Committee of Installation was present at the installation of Rev. J. D. Andrew as pastor of the Burlington charge, N. C.

II.—Requests and Recommendations.

6. Maryland Classis requests the Synod to make her apportionment for Catawba College less in proportion to the amount contributed on the endowment of said college.
7. Zion's Classis requests the Synod to exonerate the First Reformed and Heidelberg congregations from the payment of their apportionments (\$21.00) to Catawba College, inasmuch as they paid the principal.
8. North Carolina Classis calls attention to an error in reporting arrearages.

III.—Appeals and Complaints.

9. Five ministers of Zion's Classis give notice of complaining to the Synod against the action of the Classis in refusing to receive the Rev. Raymond E. Butz, from the East Susquehanna Classis, upon a regular certificate of dismission to Zion's Classis. The Classis appointed the Rev. A. Spangler to defend its action.

IV.—Subjects Referred to the Classes.

All the recommendations sent down to the Classes were adopted, and all apportionments assumed, with the following exceptions:

10. Zion's Classes assumed only \$500 of its apportionment of \$1000 for Home Missions, and refused to accept its apportionment of \$120 for Work among the Germans.
11. Maryland Classis failed to apportion six cents per member for church building, and assumed \$101 less on Beneficiary Education than its apportionment.
12. Mercersburg Classis refused to assume \$100 of its apportionment for Home Missions, and \$19 for Beneficiary Education.

13. Virginia Classis refused to assume \$100 of its apportionment for Beneficiary Education, and also the six cents per member for church building.

14. North Carolina Classis refused to accept its apportionments for Theological Seminary and Calvin College, and assumed only \$100 for Beneficiary Education.

15. Juniata Classis assumed only \$600 of its apportionment of \$675 for Beneficiary Education.

V.—Licensed, Ordained, Received and Dismissed.

16. Zion's Classis received Rev. E. Bruce Lyttle from the Reading Classis, Rev. George Stibitz, Ph.D., from the Presbytery of Chester of the Presbyterian church; and dismissed Rev. Morgan A. Peters to the Presbytery of Lehigh of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Gerny Weber to the North Carolina Classis.

17. Maryland Classis licensed Elmer L. Coblentz and William E. Lampe; ordained Elmer L. Coblentz, received Rev. David J. Wolf from the Westmoreland Classis, Rev. J. Stewart Hartman from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, and licentiate Charles H. Knight from the East Pennsylvania Classis; and dismissed Rev. Amos O. Reiter to the Kansas Classis, Rev. Alfred F. Dreisbach, Ph.D., to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod, Rev. A. Thomas G. Apple to East Susquehanna Classis, and licentiate R. Franklin Main to the Somerset Classis of the Pittsburgh Synod.

18. Mercersburg Classis licensed Moses A. Kieffer and dismissed him to the Reading Classis.

19. Virginia Classis received Rev. Henry W. Wissler, from the East Susquehanna Classis.

20. North Carolina Classis licensed Henry E. Sechler, received licentiate George A. Stauffer from the East Susquehanna Classis and ordained him.

21. Gettysburg Classis received Rev. Frederick C. Seitz from the East Susquehanna Classis.

22. Carlisle Classis received licentiate Samuel H. Stein from the Lebanon Classis and ordained him; Rev. Charles H. Brandt from the Wyoming Classis, and dismissed Rev. Henry H. Ranck to the Lebanon Classis.

23. Juniata Classis licensed William A. McClellan; received Rev. Henry H. Hartman and licentiate Arthur C. Thompson from the Philadelphia Classis, and ordained the latter to the Gospel ministry; and dismissed Revs. Louis C. Harnish and William H. Landis to the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod.

VI.—Places and Times of Next Annual Meetings.

24. Zion's Classis will meet in Bethany Reformed Church

of York, Pa., May 15th, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. C. P. Kehl, *President*; Rev. A. Spangler, *Stated Clerk*; Elder J. Deisinger, *Treasurer*.

25. Maryland Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Manchester, Md., May 16th, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. C. W. Levan, *President*; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk*; Rev. C. S. Slagle, *Treasurer*.

26. Mercersburg Classis will meet in the Grindstonehill Church, Franklin county, Pa., May 14th, A. D. 1900, at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. F. F. Bahner, *President*; Rev. W. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

27. Virginia Classis will meet in Frieden's Reformed Church, Rockingham county, Va., May 16th, A. D. 1900, at ———. Rev. J. Philip Harner, *President*; Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

28. North Carolina Classis will meet in Buehla Reformed Church, of Arnold, N. C., April 18th, A. D. 1900, at 2.30 o'clock p. m. Rev. W. A. Long, *President*; Rev. J. C. Leonard, *Stated Clerk*; Elder M. J. Rowe, *Treasurer*.

29. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, of Hanover, Pa., May 25th, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m. Rev. P. E. Heimer, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

30. Carlisle Classis will meet in the Reformed Church of Carlisle, Pa., May 16th, A. D. 1900, at 8 o'clock, p. m. Rev. J. M. Mullan, *President*; Rev. J. D. Miller, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

31. Juniata Classis will meet in Grace Reformed Church of Altoona, Pa., May 17th, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 p. m. Rev. E. W. Stonebraker, *President*; Rev. L. Robb, *Stated Clerk and Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KREBS, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 to 31 were severally adopted. Items 6 and 7 were referred to a special committee, which failed to report on the requests of the Maryland and Zion's Classes. On motion, the Synod referred the amount of \$900.00 instead of \$1000.00 to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment for Catawba College. For the action of Synod on Item 9, see Article XVII, Complaints.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod, during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

Report of Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics. *To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—It is extremely difficult to present a report on the State of Religion that shall differ materially from previous reports on the same subject. The work of one year does not differ from the work of another.

As this report is to be made up from the reports of the different classes, perhaps the best view of the situation will be obtained by making extracts from these reports:

The report of one Classis says: "The various reports, as they have come to us from the different fields of labor, indicate a hopeful and healthful condition of affairs, and give evidence of fidelity and earnestness on the part of pastors and elders generally in the discharge of our heaven-reposed responsibilities.

"The proclamation of the everlasting Gospel has been attended to with fidelity and earnestness. The Holy Sacraments have been faithfully administered, and appreciated by our membership generally. The result in the introduction of members into the Church, during the past year, is one of the evidences of the seal and approbation of our Heavenly Father on our labors. The prompt and liberal response of our pastors and people to the challenges for the support of the various benevolent operations of our Church, in raising the entire apportionments, is a fair index of spirituality and consecration to the service of Him Who gave Himself for us."

Another report says: "In the parochial reports of the different charges there is much that is common to all; much to encourage and enough to discourage. But we have sufficient reason to render praise and thanksgiving to God, the Giver of all good, for the power manifested in the Church during the past year. There has been an onward movement, and we believe each pastor has endeavored to accomplish more for the

Master in His vineyard here on earth than ever before. The Word has been preached and under its convincing power, many have entered into full communion with the Church. There is an increase over last year of the number of communicants, but a decrease in the number who communed, which from the tenor of the reports, can be accounted for by the severe weather of the past winter. The benevolent contributions have increased. There is evidence of both spiritual and temporal progress."

Another says: "We notice progress in many departments of Church work. We are thankful to say that the communicant membership of the Classis has increased somewhat in the past year, and even though our benevolent moneys have fallen short of the amount of the previous year, yet we have paid all our apportionments in full and a few of the charges have overpaid. We are glad to say that four new church edifices have been dedicated to the service of God, and the corner-stone of another has been laid."

Another says: "It is gratifying to note that two congregations have been organized, two churches built, one Sunday-school building erected, and one Church remodeled. The reports at hand would indicate a renewed interest in and a greater liberality toward all the benevolent operations of the Church."

Another Classis reports the opening of a Classical Academy under very favorable auspices and with very encouraging prospects of success.

Another speaks more in a tone of sadness, seeming to look rather at the dark than the bright side. It says: "On examining the several Parochial reports we find that in most cases the work of the Church has been prosecuted with commendable zeal. The Word has been preached and the Sacraments administered; but catechization has not been so satisfactorily done as the customs and usages of the Reformed Church require. Our people as a whole are active in their benevolence: but, alas! some of our churches lack in the spirit of liberal giving. There exists in some of our charges the tendency of a lagging spirit. Union and concord, the bonds of peace and good fellowship, are not as strong as desirable, but in lieu thereof, there is discord which hinders the onward and upward progress of the Master's work; and this may explain why the dearth in benevolence exists. It does not occur to us from these reports that there is as deep a spiritual life in our churches and among our membership as ought to exist."

Another says: "From the parochial reports we learn that the brethren have been abundant in labors, and not without

good results. The means employed were the time-honored means of the Reformed Church, earnest preaching of the Word, faithful catechization, family visitation and the use of the Sacraments. Great account was made of the Festival seasons of the Church year, in connection with which, especially the Lenten and Easter seasons, special services were held, which served to revive, refresh and quicken the members who availed themselves of them. The Sunday-schools of the Classis have been carried on with earnestness, and Young People's Societies, Missionary Societies and other organizations have afforded opportunity for the members to work, all with good results.

"In most cases the financial condition of the congregations is reported as good. Pastor's salaries, congregational expenses and classical apportionments have been paid. In a few instances, however, it is to be deplored such a happy state of affairs does not exist."

The whole situation may be well summed up in the words of this last-mentioned report: "All indications show that the blessing of the great Head of the Church has not been wanting or withheld from the labors of His servants. Yet the various reports give evidence also of the truth of our Lord's parable wherein he likens the kingdom of heaven to a field in which the householder sowed good seed, but an enemy sowed tares. Satan is still the enemy of God and man; and as he entered into Paradise under the guise of a serpent, so still his slimy trail is visible in churches and congregations now. Thus the reports of the brethren, while, in the main, hopeful and encouraging, have also the minor tone of sadness and discouragement."

It is a cause of devout gratitude that the lives and health of our pastors generally have been continued. Yet the Reaper has been among us. Many congregations are feeling the loss of faithful ones who as private members or as Elders or Deacons served the Master well. And from the ranks of the ministry too a few have fallen. The venerable fathers Thomas Long and Jesse W. Cecil, of the North Carolina Classis, and William Goodrich, of Maryland Classis, have ceased from their earthly labors and entered into rest. They were veterans in the service, who had long served, and for whom the reward of the faithful was waiting. So, O Lord, when Thou callest us, may we be found ready.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman.*

For Statistical Tables, see Appendix.

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its Annual Report to the Synod, during the session of Thursday morning, which was received, read, and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

Report of the Board of Education.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Board of Education, through its Treasurer, begs leave to present the following report, for the year ending October 1st, 1899.

The organization of the Board remains the same as at our last annual report, namely: Rev. William C. Cremer, *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Secretary*; and Rev. William M. Deatrick, *Treasurer*.

The Board held its regular annual meeting in Chambersburg, Pa., July 19th, 1899, when the organization for the year took place, the grade papers of the beneficiary students were carefully examined, showing their progress in their studies and standing in the different institutions with which they stand connected, and the annual appropriations were made for the present academic year.

Regretting the necessity for the action of the Faculty of the Theological Seminary in expelling Nevin L. Weidner from said institution last Winter, on account of his moral obliquity in financial matters, the Board concurred in the justice of said action of expulsion.

Wm. A. Kepner informed the Board that he had relinquished his theological studies, but desired aid to enable him to prosecute his studies for scientific purposes. His name was dropped from the list of beneficiary students, and his request for assistance to prosecute his studies for scientific purposes was refused, on the ground that beneficiary moneys are intended only for students, who are preparing for the work of the Holy Ministry.

The name of Frederick A. Cook was stricken from the roll of beneficiaries at the request of the Maryland Classis, on account of inefficiency in his studies and lack of proper progress.

Moses A. Kieffer completed his studies, and was graduated, last May, from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Shortly afterwards he was examined by the Mercersburg Classis and licensed to preach the Gospel. At present he is pastor of one of the congregations of the Eastern Synod.

All the other beneficiary students regularly on our roll a

year ago have been continued as such, and have been voted appropriations for the present academic or scholastic year in amounts varying from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars each.

The following young men have been enrolled since our last annual report, namely: J. Edgar Lingenfelter, at the request of the Juniata Classis; Dallas R. Krebs, at the request of the Gettysburg Classis; Victor Albertus Barnhart, at that of the Mercersburg Classis; and W. H. Causey and S. W. Beck at the request of the North Carolina Classis.

Twenty-nine students have been aided in their studies by the Board, during the past year from October 1st, 1898, to October 1st, 1899, to the amount of \$3,200.51.

At present, twenty-five beneficiary students are on our roll, who hold their Classical connection as follows, namely: Gettysburg Classis, 5; Maryland Classis, 3; Mercersburg Classis, 4; Carlisle Classis, 4; Juniata Classis, 4; North Carolina Classis, 3; Zion's Classis, 1; and Virginia Classis, 1.

They are John W. Gilds, Charles B. Rebert, and Scott R. Wagner, *Seminary Seniors*; Joshua L. Bowers, W. Stuart Cramer, John S. Heffner, and John K. McKee, *Seminary Middlers*; Robert L. Bair, S. W. Beck, Joseph E. Guy, and Charles N. Waltman, *Seminary Juniors*; Blanchard A. Black, William H. Causey, John H. Dietrich, Aaron M. Gluck, and John E. Stone, *College Seniors*; John Alexander, Henry W. Kochenderfer, Vernon S. Rice, and Chalmers W. Walck, *College Juniors*; Victor A. Barnhart, Dallas R. Krebs, Howard R. Miller, and Charles E. Meyers, *College Sophomores*; and J. Edgar Lingenfelter, a *College Freshman*.

It becomes our painful duty to inform the Synod, that the Treasury of the Board is *empty* and overdrawn slightly, at this writing, October 9th—something that has not happened for many years.

It has been the experience of the Treasurer, that during the autumn and early winter months, the receipts into the Treasury of the Board have not been sufficient to pay the stipends of the young men as they became due. This lack of funds has been partly owing to the fact, that so many of the pastors fail to lift their collections for this arm of Church work until near the annual meetings of the Classes.

It is hardly necessary to remind the Synod, that the beneficiaries, as well as other students, are required to pay their contingent fees to the institutions at which they are studying, at the opening of each term or session. Very often they write for their appropriations for this particular purpose soon after the session opens. How can the Treasurer of the Board pay

them what has been solemnly promised them by their respective Classes, when the treasury is empty or practically without funds? To write to them and inform them of the situation does not relieve them, but only adds to the labors of the Treasurer and creates additional expense to the Board. The attention of the Synod is respectfully called to this matter.

For full twenty-four years I have now served the Church as Treasurer of its Board of Education without salary or compensation, which has never been asked or sought. I have, in the discharge of my office, written thousands of letters, and handled some sixty or seventy thousand dollars twice, without the loss of a dollar to the Synod. May I not then ask, that no additional unnecessary correspondence be required of me to inform the beneficiary students, that funds are lacking to make payments promised them?

The following arrearages are found existing on the apportionments for this cause, for the year, namely: Maryland Classis, \$389.66; Juniata Classis, \$175.00; Zion's Classis, \$331.99; Mercersburg Classis, \$16.37; Virginia Classis, \$100.00; and North Carolina Classis, \$200.00; making \$1,213.02, or more than one-fourth of the whole apportionment.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the following sums as received for Beneficiary Education, during the fiscal year ending on the first of the present month, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, summarizing them when there have been two or more contributions from the same pastoral charge or congregation, and also including the amounts received from Sunday-schools, where offerings have been given by them, so as to prevent the sum total contributed by each pastoral charge, except in the case of those Classes where the sources of the contributions were not specified.

Report of Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Gettysburg Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, \$391.32; Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, \$250.00; interest of Ditzler Bequest, \$50.75; and Refund of former beneficiary student, \$58.62. Making \$750.75.

Maryland Classis.—Sources of contribution not specified, \$586.34.

Juniata Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, \$500.00.

Mercersburg Classis.—Waynesboro Charge, \$125.00; Zion's Church, of Chambersburg, \$70.00; Greencastle Church, \$48.00; Mercersburg Charge, \$42.00; Grindstonehill Charge, \$40.00; St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro, \$35.00; Shippensburg Church, \$35.00; St. John's Church, of Chambersburg,

\$25.00; Loudon Charge, \$17.63; McConnellsburg Charge, \$5.00; St. Thomas Charge, \$5.00; Middleburg Church, \$5.00; and Interest on Jacob Stoudenour Legacy, \$12.00. Making \$464.63.

Carlisle Classis.—Zion's Charge, \$75.00; Landisburg Charge, \$57.00; Carlisle Church, \$50.00; Newport Charge, \$48.00; Mechanicsburg Church, \$35.00; Duncannon Charge, \$31.00; Carlisle Springs Charge, \$26.00; Newburg Church, \$22.05; New Bloomfield Church, \$10.00. Making \$354.05.

Virginia Classis.—Sources of contributions, not specified, \$200.00.

Zion's Classis.—\$148.01.

North Carolina Classis.—Sources of contributions not specified, \$100.00.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury at last report, October 1st, 1898.....	\$271 30
Received from Gettysburg Classis.....	750 75
" Maryland Classis.....	586 34
" Juniata Classis.....	500 00
" Mercersburg Classis.....	464 63
" Carlisle Classis.....	354 05
" Virginia Classis.....	200 00
" Zion's Classis.....	148 01
" North Carolina Classis.....	100 00
Total receipts.....	<u>\$3,375 08</u>

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS.

Paid to beneficiary students of Gettysburg Classis.....	\$650 00
" " Maryland Classis.....	615 00
" " Mercersburg Classis.....	537 50
" " Juniata Classis.....	500 00
" " Carlisle Classis.....	350 00
" " Virginia Classis.....	150 00
" " Zion's Classis.....	148 01
" " North Carolina Classis.....	250 00
Postage, stationery and revenue stamps.....	5 17
Balance in Treasury, October 1st, 1899.....	169 40
Making.....	<u>\$3,375 08</u>

By order of the Board of Education.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Treasurer.*

Account audited by Revs. A. S. Weber and Conrad Clever and found correct.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented its annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Regents of Mercersburg College beg leave to submit the following report:

The whole number of students enrolled for the year ending May 31, 1899, one hundred and seventy-two; of these fifty-seven finished the course. Total number enrolled up to date for the year beginning September, 1899, one hundred and sixty-six.

For the year ending May 31, 1899, the receipts were \$28,469.40; expenses, including salaries, \$24,440.18; earnings above expenses, \$4,029.92.

With a view of enlarging and extending the school there have been purchased during the year three tracts of land adjoining the present campus at a cost of three thousand nine hundred and sixty-six dollars. On one of these lots there is in course of construction a building which will cost about twenty-six thousand dollars. We expect to have it completed for the opening of the school year, September, 1900. This building will be known as the Sarah S. Keil Memorial Hall, in recognition of the very generous gift of her son.

Respectfully submitted,

W. RUSH GILLAN, *President.*

Report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Board of Directors of the Woman's College of Frederick, Md., begs leave to submit its sixth annual report.

At the annual meeting in April, 1899, the Board organized by the re-election of the same officers as last year.

It affords us pleasure to report the past as our most successful year.

The number of students enrolled was 174, of whom 68 were boarders.

A senior class of twelve was graduated, three in the Classic, eight in the Scientific, and one in the Certificate or English course.

Five were graduated in Piano, one of whom was also in the Classic Course, making in the various departments a total of sixteen graduates.

For the year ending July 1, 1899, the gross receipts from all sources was \$16,254.44.

Expenses, including rents, salaries, repairs, losses, etc., \$15,443.97.

Net gain for the year, \$810.47.

Assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., August 1, 1898, \$2,143.53.

Assets in fixtures, furniture, supplies, etc., August 1, 1899, \$2,945.00.

The rentals of the College and Conservatory, for the year, have been paid.

The reports of the several Treasurers have been examined and found correct.

There has been no increase either in the Endowment or equipment fund during the year.

Amount of Endowment in hand, \$22,078.10.

Notes, pledges and subscriptions due, \$625.00.

The accommodations of the College, even with the added Conservatory Building, were taxed and at some points congested last year. To overcome this, several minor changes in the buildings have been made. The Primary Department has been discontinued. Only its advanced classes of last year have been retained. The Department does not belong to the provision for a College course; it has never been of financial benefit to us, and we now need the room.

By discontinuing the Primary Department, we have been enabled to relieve the crowded condition of the College Dining Hall, by establishing a colony in the Conservatory Building, and placing over its boarding department, Mrs. Gring, who for the past six years has been matron at the College.

During the summer, a much-needed improvement in the line of progress has been made. A story was added to the corridor connecting East and West Hall, thereby improving the ventilation, and providing direct access between the second floor of the two buildings.

The brick building in the rear of the corridor was raised another story, and an Infirmary constructed, containing a Physician's consulting room, Nurse's room, bath room, and a large room divided by folding doors for the care of the sick.

This improvement was made under the direction of your Board at the cost of about \$1,000, on which amount we are to pay six per cent. interest as additional rent. This makes the aggregate of annual rental now paid, \$1,400, applied as follows: Frederick Female Seminary Plant, \$1,060; Conservatory Building, \$340.

We have now had control of the Frederick Female Seminary Plant for six years, during which time it has been extended and improved at eight important points. The capacity of the original building was doubled by certain internal changes, a modern heating plant was introduced, wiring was introduced for electric lighting, a chemical Laboratory was secured, then a Library, then a Gymnasium, then a Music and Art Conservatory, and now an Infirmary. These extensions are all modern and represent effective advances.

The needs yet unprovided for are the equipping of a Physical Laboratory, and the providing of machinery for our Laundry and Bakery; in which list might be included the standing need of large additions to the Library and to the Endowment Fund. Several changes have been made in the Faculty, but in all cases vacancies have been filled with the view of upholding and advancing the already high standard of the teachers.

We are today better equipped and manned to do the work we have undertaken than at any former period.

The College re-opened September 12, 1899, under auspicious circumstances. The enrollment of students at this date is 133, of whom 59 are boarders.

Every department is in good working order.

Help us to secure the daughters of the Church within this Synod who go from home for an education; give us a just proportion of the money contributed for educational institutions, and you will enable us to further expand the work and increase its efficiency, the result of which will be to enrich the lives of those who help to mould the characters of the generations to come. In the true conception of education, the distinction of the sexes must remain. Modern ideas cannot destroy nature. Woman is not man, and as she differs from man in nature, so she also differs in functions. Her true education will enlarge her sphere, it will widen her circle of influence, it will give her prominence, exaltation and dignity, but it must remain still, a circle of womanly service, wherein the graces of sisterhood or motherhood may flourish and shed abroad their beneficent influence. This is the thought that pervades the College, and for the accomplishment of this purpose we ask your co-operation.

The Board hereby expresses its appreciation of the interest which the Church is taking in the College, and we hope to merit your continued and increasing support.

The time of service of Gen. John E. Roller will expire December 31, 1899, and his successor should be chosen at this meeting of Synod. Respectfully submitted.

E. R. ESCHBACH,

President Board of Directors.

FREDERICK, MD., October 24, 1899.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

BRETHREN: The undersigned respectfully presents to your reverend body the report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary for the year 1898-1899.

1. The institution was opened September 8th, 1898, when

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Synod, \$300; Potomac Synod, \$200; Pittsburg Synod, \$100.

7. Owing to the decease of our esteemed Professor, Thos. G. Apple, D.D., the course in Church History was provided for as follows: *Juniors*, once a week, under Dr. Bowman; *Middlers*, once a week, under Dr. Gast; *Seniors*, twice a week under Dr. Rupp. The extra labors of these brethren were gratefully appreciated by the Board.

8. Excepting the sad case of discipline reported above, the students maintained a good standing as to Christian character. However, cases of absence from recitation and from the religious services of the institution, were too frequent, and for reasons which the Board could not approve. It therefore directed the Faculty to prepare a record sheet to contain information concerning the studies and conduct of each student during the year. The design of such record is also to furnish the Classes with a more detailed report than they now receive of the standing and progress of the students under their care.

ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary*.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 20, 1899.

Report of the Board & Trustees of the Theological Seminary.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN Enclosed find the annual report of John B. Roth, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary:

During the past year the Board held two regular meetings. The first meeting was held on May 9, 1899, when the following officers were elected: President, Geo. N. Forney; Vice-President, John D. Sims; Treasurer, John B. Roth, and Secretary, Jeremiah S. Hs.

The second meeting was held October 5th, 1899.

The Treasurer reported that he had received one thousand dollars (\$1,000) from Lewis Shriver, to be known as the Andrew Keiser and Catharine J. Shriver Alcove Fund.

The Board was obliged to incur necessary expenses upon the building occupied by Rev. G. W. Richards, Professor of Church History, amounting to nearly eight hundred dollars (\$800).

Rev. Dr. J. I. Swaer, the agent for the Sarah Ellen and Nevin Ambrose Swand Memorial Fund, reported that he had twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) in hand, which he is prepared to turn over to the proper authorities, after action has been taken by the Pittsburg Synod and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary.

The Board passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proposition of Dr. and Mrs. Swander be accepted, and that the matter be referred to the Pittsburgh

Synod and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, for such action as may be required in the premises, and that Rev. Dr. William Rupp be appointed to present this matter to the bodies above referred to.

The Treasurer reported that he had received the sum of nineteen hundred dollars (\$1,900) from the executors of the Laird Estate.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in addition to the amount that may be assumed by the Synods to meet the deficiency in the current expense account, they be requested to make full provision for the payment of the necessary improvements, recently made in the professor's house, now occupied by Professor Richards and his family, amounting to eight hundred dollars (\$800).

The attention of the Synods is respectfully called to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Synods be again requested to apportion twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) toward the payment of the current expenses, and eight hundred dollars (\$800) in payment of the extraordinary expenses incurred in necessary improvements to the house occupied by Prof. Richards, in the following ratio:

Eastern Synod.....	\$900.
Pittsburgh Synod.....	300.
Potomac Synod.....	600.

Resolved, That the Synod's attention be called to the fact that owing to the failure of the Synods in paying over the amounts annually required for current expenses, the treasury is constantly overdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

JER. S. HESS,
Secretary.

HELLERTOWN, Pa., Oct. 5, 1899.

Treasurer's Report.

LANCASTER, October 2, 1899.

John B. Roth, Treasurer, in account with the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States.

1898.		Dr.		
Oct. 1.	For interest, Isaac Heyser.....			\$30 00
Oct. 1.	" E. L. Stehman, to Oct. 1, 1898....			30 00
Oct. 1.	" Geo. W. Schroyer to Oct. 1, 1898....			120 00
Oct. 1.	" A. A. & A. Fritz, to Oct. 1, 1898....			78 00
Oct. 3.	" Saml. M. Keen, to Oct. 1, 1898....			75 00
Oct. 3.	" W. H. Rinier, on account.....			40 00
Oct. 3.	" Loan			12 50
Oct. 3.	" Lancaster Trac. Co Bonds, to Oct. 1, 1898.....			137 50
Oct. 12.	" Kieffer Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1899....			237 50
Oct. 15.	" Cook Legacy, to Oct. 1, 1899.....			30 00

Oct. 15.	For interest,	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account..	\$ 20 00
Oct. 17.	"	Simmons property, on account....	4 00
Oct. 21.	"	P. M. Ermantrout, to April 1, 1898	140 00
Oct. 21.	"	P. M. Ermantrout, on account.....	60 00
Nov. 1.	"	Baltimore & Harrisburg Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1898.....	23 00
Nov. 1.	"	Scranton Traction Co. Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1898.....	30 00
Nov. 1.	"	Sunbury, Hazleton & Wilkesbarre R. R. Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1898...	28 00
Nov. 5.	"	John F. Bassler, on account.....	12 50
Nov. 21.	"	Simmons property, rent, \$8.00; Dec. 31, \$6.00.....	14 00
Nov. 28.	"	St. John's Luth. Church Bonds, to Nov. 1, 1898.....	106 00
Dec. 1.	"	Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds, to Dec. 1, 1898.....	150 00
Dec. 5.	"	Loan	15 00
Dec. 14.	"	Mercersburg Classis, to Jan. 1, '99	12 00
Dec. 14.	"	St. Stephen's Chapel, to Oct. 29, '98	6 00
Dec. 20.	"	Lane & Co., to Oct. 1, 1898.....	42 50
1899.			
Jan. 2.	"	Lebanon E. L. Co., dividend to Jan. 1, 1899.....	17 40
Jan. 28.	"	C. Ahrens Mort., to Feb. 1 1899...	180 00
Jan. 28.	"	W. U. Hensel, on account.....	25 00
Feb. 20.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account...	12 00
Feb. 25.	"	E. E. Smith, in full.....	61 00
Mar. 8.	"	Springfield W. Co. Bonds, to March 1, 1899.....	37 50
Mar. 8.	"	Berwyn W. C. Bonds, to March 1, 1899.....	60 00
Mar. 15.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account...	15 00
Mar. 15.	"	Jacob Heyser, on account.....	200 00
Mar. 21.	"	A. A. Fritz, to April 1, 1899.....	78 00
Mar. 22.	"	Simmon property, on account.....	8 00
Mar. 28.	"	Aaron Cunkle, to April 1, 1899....	38 50
Mar. 29.	"	Isaac S. Groff, to April 1, 1899....	82 50
Mar. 29.	"	Geo. W. Schroyer, to April 1, 1899	120 00
Mar. 30.	"	M. B. Hartman, to April 1, 1899...	155 55
Mar. 30.	"	W. U. Hensel, to April 14, 1899...	180 00
Mar. 30.	"	W. U. Hensel, to April 1, 1899....	145 00
Mar. 30.	"	F. J. Westley, to April 1, 1899....	48 00
Mar. 30.	"	S. M. Keen, to April 1, 1899.....	75 00
April 1.	"	Henry Keen, to April 1, 1899.....	60 00
April 1.	"	S. C. Johnson, to April 1, 1899....	90 00
April 3.	"	G. & E. Carbaugh, to April 1, 1899	110 00
April 4.	"	Lancaster Trac. Co., to April 1, '99	137 50
April 8.	"	W. F. Hambright, to April 17, 1899	75 00
April 11.	"	Kieffer Legacy, to April 1, 1899...	237 50
April 11.	"	Cook Legacy, to April 1, 1899....	30 00
Mar. 12.	"	W. S. Martin, Treas., to April 1, '99	100 00
April 13.	"	S. R. Wolfersberger, on account..	15 00
April 22.	"	Loan	1 60
May 1.	"	Simmons property, on account....	8 00
May 4.	"	Lehigh Classis, to April 1, 1899....	30 00
May 10.	"	W. End Trac. Bond, to May 1, '99	2 50
May 10.	"	Scranton Trac. Co. Bond, May 1, '99	30 00

May 10.	For interest, Sunbury H. & W. Bond, to May 1, 1899.....	\$ 28 00
May 10.	" Baltimore & H. R. R. Bond, to May 1, 1899.....	23 00
May 17.	" Rev. J. C. Bowman, on account...	50 00
May 18.	" P. M. Ermantrout, on account....	100 00
May 30.	" Zion's Classis, to June 1, 1899.....	3 04
June 1.	" Lehigh Val. R. R. Bonds, to June 1, 1899.....	150 00
June 1.	" St. John's Luth. Church Bonds, to May 15, 1899.....	106 00
June 1.	" Loan	7 50
June 5.	" Simmons property, June rent, 1899	8 00
June 12.	" Gay, Bair & Lane.....	13 78
June 13.	" Lebanon E. L. Co., in full.....	31 30
June 13.	" Lane & Co., to June 9, 1899.....	48 58
June 13.	" Amos Christ, to April 1, 1899.....	90 00
June 14.	" P. M. Ermantrout, to April 1, 1899	110 00
June 15.	" Jacob Heyser, in full to date.....	360 67
July 10.	" Harrisburg Bridge dividend, July 1, 1899.....	4 50
July 11.	" Allemannia Fire Ins. Co., dividend Nos. 47 and 48.....	40 00
July 14.	" St. John's Reformed Church, Shamokin, to June 1, 1899.....	25 00
July 19.	" Wyoming Classis, to July 1, 1899...	15 00
July 24.	" S. R. Wolfersberger, on account...	10 00
Aug. 15.	" Loan, to date.....	71 25
Aug. 17.	" Simmons property, rent.....	3 00
Aug. 22.	" S. R. Wolfersberger, to April 1, '99	10 50
Aug. 31.	" Berwyn W. Bonds, to Sept. 1, 1899	60 00
Aug. 31.	" Springfield W. Bonds, to Sept. 1, '99	37 50
Sept. 1.	" Goodell Sons Co. Mort., to Sept. 1, '99	60 00
Sept. 9.	" Geo. W. Schroyer, to Oct. 1, 1899..	115 84
Sept. 13.	" A. A. Fritz, on account.....	68 30
Sept. 15.	" Locher Sons, to date.....	250 00
Sept. 18.	" W. U. Hensel, to coupons.....	25 00
Sept. 19.	" Rev. J. C. Bowman, to Oct. 1, 1899	75 00
Sept. 21.	" E. M. Eshleman, to Oct. 1, 1899...	162 00
Sept. 25.	" Loan, to Oct. 1, 1899.....	15 00
Sept. 26.	" E. Smithgall, to Oct. 1, 1899.....	27 50
Sept. 27.	" A. A. Fritz, to Oct. 1, 1899.....	9 20
Sept. 29.	" Sem'y Aid transferred in part.....	591 21
Sept. 30.	" Simmons property, rent.....	3 00
Sept. 30.	" Lancaster Trac. Co., to Oct. 1, 1899	137 50

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Oct. 1.	By balance due Treasurer to date.....	\$4.948 76
Oct. 1.	" Frankford & Heinitsh.....	5 10
Oct. 1.	" C. B. Davis, elocution.....	50 00
Oct. 6.	" B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill.....	181 42
Oct. 6.	" Electric light bill for September, 1898.....	1 30
Oct. 7.	" Treasurer's salary to Oct. 1, 1898.....	75 00
Oct. 12.	" Wickersham Printing Co., bill.....	2 75
Oct. 12.	" Sem'y water bill, by meter.....	5 85
Oct. 24.	" Insurance on Becker property.....	6 89
Nov. 7.	" Mrs. Thos. G. Apple, by order of Board.....	100 00
Nov. 7.	" Sem'y electric light bill, Nov. 1, 1898.....	4 30

Nov. 7.	By Sem'y gas bill, Nov. 1, 1898.....	\$ 1 30
Nov. 7.	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary account.....	200 00
Nov. 7.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., salary account.....	200 00
Nov. 7.	" Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account.....	50 00
Nov. 14.	" Sem'y ad. in Church Almanac, 1899.....	20 00
Dec. 5.	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1899....	175 00
Dec. 5.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Jan. 1, 1899.....	175 00
Dec. 6.	" C. B. Davis, elocution.....	125 00
Dec. 10.	" Sem'y electric light bill for November.....	3 20
Dec. 22.	" Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on account.....	100 00
Dec. 24.	" Treasurer's salary to Jan. 1, 1899.....	75 00
1899.		
Jan. 6.	" Electric light bill to Jan. 1, 1899.....	3 68
Jan. 8.	" Sem'y water bill, by meter, to Jan. 1, 1899....	15 75
Jan. 21.	" Int. to Jan. 1, '99, on Bowman Trust Fund...	12 00
Jan. 28.	" John H. Brown's bill for work.....	18 50
Feb. 2.	" John Best's bill.....	2 61
Feb. 8.	" Sem'y electric light bill for January, 1899....	2 96
Feb. 8.	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary on account.....	200 00
Feb. 8.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., salary on account.....	200 00
Feb. 23.	" L. B. Herr's bill.....	1 50
Mar. 2.	" Sem'y electric light bill for February, 1899....	3 36
Mar. 3.	" Jacob Pontz, brick bill.....	2 50
Mar. 6.	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to April 1, 1899..	175 00
Mar. 6.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to April 1, 1899.....	175 00
Mar. 8.	" Treasurer's salary to April 1, 1899.....	75 00
Mar. 16.	" Samuel Lander's bill of painting.....	96 00
Mar. 23.	" Jas. Smithgall, janitor, on salary.....	100 00
Mar. 23.	" Rissner's bill.....	88
Mar. 23.	" Henry F. Auxer's bill of repairs.....	43 66
Mar. 23.	" John W. Brook's bill.....	2 50
Mar. 25.	" Post. of stamps, E. V. G., catalogues.....	6 00
Mar. 28.	" Bill of sundries for Seminary.....	6 38
Mar. 29.	" Jas. Smithgall, janitor, to April 1, 1899.....	40 00
April 7.	" B. B. Martin & Co., lumber bill.....	20 00
April 7.	" B. B. Martin & Co., coal bill.....	74 63
April 7.	" Sem'y electric light bill for March, 1899.....	2 96
April 10.	" Water bill by meter, to April 1, 1899.....	4 00
April 11.	" Lancaster "Intelligencer," bill for catalogues	61 15
April 13.	" Simmons property, tax, 1898.....	8 10
April 13.	" B. B. Martin & Co., coal.....	30 00
April 13.	" Hager Bros.' bill, paper hanging, etc.....	75 00
April 14.	" Work at Professor's house.....	6 52
April 19.	" Int. paid on Sacred Rhetoric Fund, May 9, '99	20 23
April 25.	" Smithgall's bill, digging pits, etc.....	50 00
May 2.	" City water tax on Professor's and Janitor's houses.....	43 20
May 2.	" Sem'y electric light bill for April, 1899.....	80
May 3.	" Geo. W. Hull's bill.....	57
May 3.	" Int. to May 8, '99, on Schaff Prize Fund.....	100 00
May 5.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
May 5.	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
May 5.	" Smaltz Fund, interest to April 1, 1899.....	125 00
May 12.	" Fridy's bill of work E. V. G.....	4 00
May 20.	" Sundry bills paid.....	2 23
May 24.	" Five years' interest on Seminary property, to May 30, 1904.....	420 00
May 31.	" Repairing roof.....	2 25
June 2.	" Sem'y electric light bill for May, 1899.....	1 76

June 6.	By E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to July 1, 1899...	\$175 00
June 6.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to July 1, 1899.....	175 00
June 6.	" Sem'y ad, in "Oriflamme," 1899.....	10 00
June 13.	" Lancaster Trust Co., Treasurer's bond.....	50 00
June 14.	" Samuel Lander's bill, painting.....	15 00
June 23.	" Wheelbarrow for Seminary use.....	3 00
June 26.	" Treasurer's salary to July 1, 1899.....	108 33
June 27.	" Jacob Pontz's bill.....	2 10
June 30.	" Lane & Co. bill, safe, desk and L. press.....	25 00
July 3.	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
July 7.	" Sem'y electric light bill, 80c.; P. O. box, \$1..	1 80
July 10.	" Simmons property, repairs.....	1 00
July 10.	" Gerhart property, repairs.....	2 50
July 15.	" Sem'y water bill, by meter.....	4 75
July 17.	" Fire tax on Simmons property.....	5 80
Aug. 1.	" Stoner, Shreiner & Co., bill.....	41 91
Aug. 1.	" Sundry bills paid.....	3 10
Aug. 2.	" Herr & Snively's bill.....	3 00
Aug. 11.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., on salary.....	200 00
Aug. 17.	" Stoner, Shreiner & Co., bill.....	50
Aug. 23.	" D. S. Miller's bill.....	4 40
Sept. 1.	" E. V. Gerhart, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1899...	175 00
Sept. 1.	" F. A. Gast, D.D., salary to Oct. 1, 1899.....	175 00
Sept. 2.	" Treasurer's salary, on account.....	40 00
Sept. 5.	" Sem'y electric light bill for August, 1899....	80
Sept. 5.	" Sundry bills for labor.....	1 69
Sept. 9.	" E. J. Wisner's bill of repairs.....	5 00
Sept. 11.	" Interest paid on Smaltz Fund, to Oct. 1, 1899	125 00
Sept. 11.	" Interest paid on Clopp Legacy, to Oct. 1, '99	40 00
Sept. 11.	" W. U. Hensel, Atty., prof. serv. to Oct. 1, '99	50 00
Sept. 11.	" Library Fund, interest paid to Oct. 1, 1899...	52 80
Sept. 11.	" Jacob Forney Alcove Fund, int. to Oct. 1, '99	45 00
Sept. 11.	" Henry Wirt Alcove Fund, int. to Oct. 1, 1899	45 00
Sept. 11.	" Louis E. Schriver Alc. Fund, int. to Oct. 1, '99	26 67
Sept. 11.	" Sem'y Class '94 Alc. Fund, int. to Oct. 1, '99	8 00
Sept. 19.	" Error in Cr. of July 14, 1899, St. John's Ch., Shamokin.....	25 00
Sept. 26.	" Jas. Smithgall, salary to Oct. 1, 1899.....	210 00
Sept. 27.	" H. L. Heisse, electrical bill.....	12 50

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Sept. 30.	Amount Dr. brought forward.....	6,865 72
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Oct. 1.	Balance due Treasurer.....	\$4,345 48
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Seminary Aid Fund.

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Oct. 5.	To amount paid by Tohickon Classis.....	\$16 00
Oct. 12.	To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	89 00
Oct. 15.	To amount paid by Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Potomac Synod.....	140 00
Oct. 17.	To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	23 00

1899.

March 8.	To amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Treas- urer Philadelphia Classis.....	3 00
April 8.	To amount paid by Dr. J. H. Pennebecker, Treasurer Lancaster Classis.....	27 25

April 11.	To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	\$24 00
May 1.	To amount paid by Church of the Ascension, Norristown.....	13 00
May 4.	To amount paid by A. J. Heller, D.D., Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod.....	100 00
May 5.	To amount paid by Rev. J. B. Henry, Treasurer Philadelphia Classis.....	8 00
May 8.	To amount paid by D. B. Mauger, Treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis.....	45 94
May 10.	To amount paid by I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer Tohickon Classis.....	40 83
June 1.	To amount paid by George Hill, Treasurer East Susquehanna Classis.....	25 81
Sept. 1.	To amount paid by Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Potomac Synod.....	242 62
Sept. 1.	To amount paid by John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	12 00
Sept. 4.	To amount paid by A. J. Heller, D.D., Treasurer Pittsburgh Synod.....	150 00
Sept. 15.	To amount paid by Tohickon Classis, I. G. Gerhart, Treasurer.....	16 00

\$976 45

Less the sum of \$385.24, deducted and credited to Seminary Grounds Account. Special.....

385 24

Charged to Treasurer, September 29, 1899, in his account to the Board.....

\$591 21

Library Fund of Theological Seminary.

Amount of fund is.....

1,819 96

1898.

Dr.

Oct. 1.	For balance due fund.....	\$122 01
Oct. 1.	For interest paid by John Meily to January 1, '97, 1899.	60 00
May 11.	For interest paid by John Meily to January 1, '98,	30 00
Sept. 11.	For interest paid by Treasurer to October 1 '99..	52 80

\$264 81

1898.

Cr.

Oct. 7.	By order paid W. H. Millhouse.....	\$8 04
Oct. 11.	" " F. A. Gast, D.D.....	4 75
Nov. 17.	" order per W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	11 16
Nov. 22.	" " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	15 20
Dec. 8.	" " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	11 65
1899.		
Feb. 20.	" " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	8 10
Mar. 2.	" " W. Rupp, D.D., Sec'y...	2 30
April 20.	" bill paid for ocean freight, etc.....	11 55
April 29.	" Dr. Rupp's order as Sec'y.....	5 42
June 23.	" Moore & Co. bill, of London, Eng.	32 08
June 23.	" Scribner's Sons' bill.....	1 23
July 11.	" Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....	2 30
July 24.	" Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....	3 62
July 24.	" Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec., May 8. '99	2 50
Oct. 1.	Balance due fund.....	144 91

\$264 81

Oct. 1. Balance due fund is.....\$144 91

Smalts Fund Account.

1899. Principal is..... \$5,000 00

Dr.

Oct. 1. For interest received on same from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899..... 250 00

1899. Cr.

Oct. 1. By amount paid John Hertzler, Treasurer of Board of Education..... \$250 00

William A. Wilt Fund.

Amount of Fund is..... \$833 33

1899.

Oct. 1. Interest on same to October 1, 1899, is \$41.66, and accounted for in Treasurer's Current Expense Account.

Schaff Prize Fund in Church History.

Principal is..... \$2,000 75

1899.

May 8. For interest due Fund to date..... \$114 95

1899. Cr.

May 8. By prize paid Chas. E. Correll...\$100 00
By sundry charges..... 1 43

101 48

May 8. Due Fund..... \$13 47

Fund in Sacred Rhetoric.

Amount of Fund is..... \$465 47

1899.

Dr.

May 8. For interest on Fund to date..... \$20 23

Cr.

May 8. By prize paid Robt. M. Kern...\$20 00
By sundry charges..... 23
\$20 23

The John L. Riegel Fund.

Amount of Fund is..... \$15,680 00

Interest on same from October 1, 1898, to October 1, 1899, accounted for by Treasurer in his Current Expense Account of Theological Seminary.

Jacob Forney Seminary Alcove Fund.

Amount of Fund is..... \$1,000 00

Oct. 1. To balance due fund..... \$144 15

1899.

Sept. 11. Interest on fund to Oct. 1, 1899..... 45 00

\$189 15

Cr.

1898.

Nov. 17. By order paid. Dr. Rupp, Sec'y..... \$2 84

Nov. 22. " " 5 50

Dec. 3. " " 15 25

1899.				
Feb. 20.	By order paid. Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....	\$2 50		
Mar. 2.	" " ".....	5 40		
April 29.	" " ".....	6 00		
June 23.	By Moore & Co., bill.....	3 94		
June 23.	" Order of Dr. Rupp, Sec'y.....	2 50		
Oct. 1.	" Balance due fund.....	145 22		
				\$189 15
Oct. 1.	Balance due fund.....	\$145 22		

Henry Wirt Seminary Alcove Fund.

	Amount of Fund is.....	\$1,000 00		
	To balance due fund, Oct. 1, 1898.....	\$103 33		
1899.				
Sept. 11.	To interest due fund, to Oct. 1, 1899...	45 00		
				\$148 33
Mar. 1.	By order from W. Rupp, Sec'y.....	\$13 08		
June 23.	By Moore & Co., bill paid.....	37 65		
				50 73
Oct. 1.	Balance due fund.....			\$97 60

Seminary Class 1894 Alcove Fund.

1899.				
July 1.	Amount of notes in hands of Treasurer.....	\$981 00		
	Amount of notes paid.....	303 00		
				\$678 00

Cr.

1899.				
Oct. 1.	By interest due Fund.....	\$18 00		

Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.

1898.				
Oct. 1.	Amount of principal of Fund.....	\$29,864 64		
1899.				
March 11.	Received of W. R. Barnhart.....	10 00		
Oct. 1.	Amount of funds.....	\$29,874 64		

Dr.

For sundry interest received on said fund, from
Sept. 13, 1898, to Sept. 11, 1899..... \$1,730 25

Cr.

1899.				
Sept. 14.	By amount paid Wm. Rupp, D.D.....	\$1,730 25		

Endowment Fund Statement.

1898.				
Oct. 1.	For amount of Fund reported to date.....	\$91,892 70		
Oct. 4.	For amount received of J. W. Bausman, Treasurer of Franklin and Marshall College, cash from the Wilhelm Estate.....	444 63		
Nov. 1.	For amount St. Paul's congregation, Fort Wash- ington, Pa., per J. B. Henry, pastor.....	10 00		
1899.				
Jan. 1.	For amount received of John Barclay, Esq., one of the Executors of the			

Hon. H. P. Laird, deceased, a be- quest by will of said deceased.....		\$2,000 00	
Less State Tax on same.....		100 00	
			<u>\$1,900 00</u>
July 10.	For amount received of J. W. B. Bausman, Treasurer of F. and M. College, cash from the Wilhelm Estate, to June 3, 1899.....		1,711 54
			<u>\$95,958 87</u>

Louis E. Shriver Alcove Fund.

1899. Dr.			
Jan. 21.	For amount of Fund.....	1,000 00	
Cr.			
By interest due on same to Oct. 1, 1899		\$26 67	
Statement of Funds in Hands of Treasurer.			

1899.			
Oct. 1.	Endowment Fund.....	\$95,958 87	
	Library Fund.....	1,819 96	
	Smaltz Fund.....	5,000 00	
	William A. Wilt Fund.....	833 33	
	Schaff Prize Fund.....	2,000 75	
	Sacred Rhetoric Fund.....	465 47	
	John L. Riegel Fund.....	15,680 00	
	Jacob Forney Fund, Alcove.....	1,000 00	
	Henry Wirt Fund, Alcove.....	1,000 00	
	Louis E. Shriver Fund, Alcove.....	1,000 00	
	Seminary Class '94 Fund, Alcove.....	981 00	
	Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.....	29,874 64	

Respectfully submitted, **\$155,614 02**
JOHN B. ROTH,

*Treasurer of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the
United States.*

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Board to examine
the several accounts of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary,
report that we have examined same, and find them correct.

JOHN D. SKILES, *Committee.*

LANCASTER, Oct. 5th, 1899.

Lecture Fund Statement.

1898.			(No principal.)
Oct. 1.	For balance due Fund.....	\$11 66	
Oct. 17.	For amount paid by Pittsburgh Synod,	40 00	
1899.			
May 10.	For amount paid by Robt. M. Kern...	8 90	
			<u>\$60 56</u>
Cr.			
Oct. 1.	By orders paid to date, \$15 and \$7.....	22 00	
Due Fund.....			<u>\$38 56</u>

Report of the Trustees of Catawba College.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Trustees of Catawba College beg leave to render you
the following report:

Since the last session of your reverend body, the routine

of the institution has been regular, with about the usual number of students and amount and character of work. The class of '99 consisted of five young men of excellent character and bright promise. Two are in the Seminary, and a third is doing Sunday-school mission work in North Carolina under the General Sunday-school Board. The class of 1900 numbers nine. The enrollment for the present session is 121.

The financial condition has greatly improved during the year. Of the \$17,000 pledged by your reverend body as a General Endowment Fund, over \$2,000 have been collected. The General Endowment Fund in cash and bonds is over \$9,000, and the Alumni Fund is \$5,000. These funds, together with the \$1,000 annual interest from Synod, make a working endowment of \$3,100. The tuition of the last scholastic year amounted to about \$1,800. A friend of the College in Virginia has endowed the William Wirt Roller Scholarship with \$500, and Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D.D., of Zullinger, Pa., has donated a tract of 880 acres of land in Pennsylvania, valued at present at \$8,000, with future prospects of much greater value. This is by far the largest donation the College has ever received from a single individual. Encouraged by these generous gifts, and pressed by the sharp competition of the State and private institutions around us, and urged by our own need of better accommodations and better equipment, the Board of Trustees, humbly relying on Divine Providence, has determined to make large additions to the present buildings. An elegant two-story annex, 48x25 feet, is being added to the Young Ladies' Boarding Hall. It contains eight commodious rooms, and will be ready for use in about a month. This will make comfortable and elegant quarters for 25 more ladies. Next summer the capacity of the college buildings is to be nearly doubled, to make room for a President's office, a Chemical Laboratory, a Physical Laboratory, Cabinets for Minerals, specimens in Natural History, etc., together with Literary Society Halls, additional Recitation Rooms, a Commercial Department, and the College Library.

Whilst rejoicing over these promises of greater usefulness and wider influence, we are called to mourn the death of the venerable President of our Board, Judge M. L. McCorkle. He first conceived the idea of Catawba College, made the first proposition to found the institution, and has been from her infancy her most constant and watchful guardian, her most eloquent advocate. He has been a Trustee for nearly 50 years, and President of the Board a good part of that time. Here he educated all of his children. Catawba College is his lasting monument. His death reminds us of

our other recent losses in the death of Major Finger and Colonel Forney. The workmen fall. The work goes on.

Allow us to inquire whether it may not be well for Synod to take advantage of the returning financial prosperity of the country to complete the \$17,000 endowment?

Praying as always for the prosperity of the Synod, this report is humbly submitted.

J. C. CLAPP,
Pres. pro tem. of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, amended and then adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Education hereby reports that the following documents were referred to us, viz:

The Report of Franklin and Marshall College, together with Catalogue, etc., of the same.

A report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary and a synopsis of the Treasurer's Report of said Board, John B. Roth, esq.

Report of the Board of Education of Potomac Synod.

Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary.

Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, with Catalogue.

Report of the Board of Directors of Woman's College, at Frederick, with Catalogue, etc.

Report of Synod's Endowment Committee of Woman's College.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, North Carolina.

Report of Calvin College, Cleveland, Ohio.

Announcement and Prospectus of Massanutton Academy.

These several reports and accompanying documents of the institutions, standing in official relation to this Synod, reveal the encouraging fact, that the past had been a successful year. They are broadening their work and enlarging their spheres of usefulness, with the expectation of increasing their efficiency. This is cause for congratulation to the whole Church. As these reports are for the most part incorporated in the printed minutes of Synod, we allow them to speak for themselves.

I. Franklin and Marshall College graduated a class of 34 and opened the present year with an enrolment of 58 new students.

Its course of study has been somewhat re-arranged and enlarged without lowering the standard of qualification, so as to admit of more eclectic studies by the advanced classes. There has been some shrinkage of income, in the re-investing of Endowment Funds and increased expenses, by reason of additional facilities and new buildings, in carrying forward the institution so that there has been a deficit of \$3,000 during the current year.

The Trustees of the College are now maturing plans for the erection of the projected Science building, and expect to enter upon the work of its erection within the current year. We therefore recommend the following action :

Resolved, That we rejoice in the enlarged prosperity of Franklin and Marshall College, as shown in its increased enrolment of students, its enlarged Faculty, its additional facilities, and its projected new Science building.

Resolved, That we commend it anew to the confidence and patronage of our people, and as a Synod will co-operate with the authorities of the College in increasing its Endowment Fund, and in the erection of the projected Science building.

We have learned with satisfaction of the auspicious re-opening of Franklin and Marshall Academy, with an enrolment of 110 students in actual attendance, filling the Academy building to overflowing.

Resolved, That we commend Franklin and Marshall Academy as being meritorious and deserving of the confidence and continued patronage of our people.

From the report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary we learn with gratitude that \$1,000 have been received from Lewis Shriver, to endow the Andrew Keiser and Catharine W. Shriver Alcove; also that the sum of \$1,900 has been received from the executors of the Laird estate. We heartily commend these examples of liberality to our people.

Resolved, That in order to meet the necessary expenses incurred in repairs upon the house occupied by the Professor of Church History, amounting to \$800, and toward the payment of the current expenses amounting to \$1,200, this Synod hereby assumes \$600, as suggested by the Board.

The report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary indicates that the institution has gone forward with growing evidences of usefulness and efficiency and the promise for the future is auspicious.

Resolved, That this Synod records its appreciation of the additional services rendered by the Theological Professors, in supplying the absence of a Professor in Church History during the past year.

Resolved, That in order to secure permanent instruction in

Elocution, this Synod hereby agrees to pay for the period of three years annually the sum of \$200 for this purpose.

The report of the Board of Education of the Synod calls attention to the depleted condition of the Treasury, due in part to the neglect on the part of pastors in lifting the offerings of Beneficiary Education early in the classical year. The students being obliged to pay the contingent fees to the institutions at which they are studying at the opening of each term or session, the treasurer is often called upon to pay their appropriations soon after the sessions open. In view of this fact:

Resolved, That the Synod calls the attention of the pastors to this matter, and urges upon them the necessity of lifting the offerings for Beneficiary Education early in the classical year, so that the treasurer may be enabled to meet the solemn promises made to the students by their respective classes.

The report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College is full of encouragement and promise. The net earnings of the past year above expenses is \$4,029.92. Additional ground has been purchased and an extensive Memorial Hall costing about \$26,000, is in process of erection. The present enrolment is 166.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the success of Mercersburg College, and hereby commend it anew to the confidence and continued patronage of the Church.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College at Frederick, Md., shows the past to have been its most successful year. Its attendance, its equipment, its course of study, its faculty, were never more satisfactory or appealed more strongly to the Church for wider endorsement and more hearty support. While the report shows a net gain on the current expense account for the past year of \$801.47, and for the entire six years \$2,945, yet this amount has not been sufficient to properly equip the institution for the high grade of work it is called upon to do. This phase of its development must still remain within the field of private generosity and constitute a challenge to the Church.

The report of Synod's Committee to assist in increasing the endowment of the College shows nothing to have been done during the year. In view of these facts, be it,

Resolved, That we rejoice in the continued prosperity of the Woman's College, and commend it anew to the Church as worthy of its patronage and support.

Resolved, That we urge upon pastors the importance of extending to their people a knowledge of the institution and of its claims upon them.

Resolved, That Synod's Committee for the further endowment of the College be continued and is hereby instructed to

take up that work, and either by independent action of its members or in co-operation with President Apple, push it to the point authorized by Synod two years ago.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, N. C., furnishes an encouraging statement, both as to the work of the past year and the promise of the future. Of the \$17,000. pledged by this Synod as a General Endowment Fund, over \$2,000 have been collected. The Board rejoices over the practical and material help received first in the endowment of a scholarship, and second in the donation of a large tract of land. Its immediate and prospective needs have impelled the Board to make additions to its present buildings. In the midst of its rejoicing, it mourns the death of three valuable members of its number, one of whom was for many years its President.

Resolved, That this Synod rejoices in the success of Catawba College and the promise of its growing usefulness, and hereby commends it to the patronage and generosity of the Church.

Resolved, That in view of the special objects now before Synod requiring immediate help, and further because the College sustains no loss by waiting, this Synod advises against the pressure of its endowment claim just now.

The Society for the Promotion of German and English Education reports the condition, needs and prospects of Calvin College.

Resolved, That inasmuch as Erie Classis has determined no longer to stand as sponsor for Calvin College, and inasmuch as the Mission House and other Reformed institutions seem amply qualified to train young men for the Gospel ministry, both in the English and German languages, therefore this Synod declines to make further appropriations for Calvin College.

The announcement and prospectus of the Massanutten Academy, a new institution under the care of Virginia Classis, have been referred to us. We rejoice in the prospects and encouraging outlook of this institution and heartily commend it to the favorable consideration of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman*.

The committee, under item 5 of Report on Minutes of Synod, to co-operate in the endowment of Franklin and Marshall College, failed to submit a report, but was continued, as was also the committee to aid in the endowment of the Woman's College.

Under item 6 of Report on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The undersigned, appointed at the last annual meeting to represent this venerable body at the inauguration of Rev. G. W. Richards as Professor of Church History in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., respectfully reports:

The inauguration of Prof. Richards took place in Santee Hall of the Seminary on the evening of Friday, Oct. 20, 1899, in the presence of the Eastern Synod, then holding its annual session at Lancaster. Rev. J. H. Prugh, D.D., representing the Pittsburg Synod, offered the invocation, led in the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, and announced the first and second hymn. Your representative read the Scripture lessons, consisting of I. Tim. 4:12-16 and II. Tim. 1:1-14, 2:1, 2, and offered the prayer.

Rev. M. H. Sangree read the call and the letter of acceptance. Rev. C. S. Gearhard, D.D., chairman of the committee, delivered the charge, and Rev. W. F. More administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Professor. Rev. E. B. Ferer, President of the Eastern Synod, announced a hymn, after which Professor Richards delivered a very able Inaugural Address upon the subject, "Church History and the Historical Method." President Ferer then announced the L. M. Doxology and pronounced the Benediction. The entire service was deeply interesting and solemn.

Your representative expressed to the new Professor the greetings of this Synod and the assurance of its heartiest sympathy and most earnest prayers for the divine blessing upon him in the responsible position in which he has been placed.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. HOFFMEIER.

President of the Synod of 1898.

BALTIMORE, MD., Oct. 25, 1899.

Expenses incurred, \$1.55.

The treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the bill.

The special committee under item 26 submitted its report which was received, amended and adopted as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, to whom was referred item 2 of the Report on Overtures, having reference to the propriety of requiring beneficiary students to give bonds, and to change Rule 6, touching the reception of applicants for beneficiary aid, begs leave to report as follows: No formal meeting of the Committee was

held, but every member was consulted by means of correspondence, except Rev. Wm. Goodrich, who departed this life.

The subject matter referred has been earnestly considered, and the consensus of the committee is that the office of the Holy Ministry must be held sacred, and properly and carefully guarded against applicants governed by improper or unscriptural motives, and whose deportment is not commendable. The Church needs ministers who are intellectually strong and spiritually qualified; who have the spirit of self-denial and are of good judgment; and who are willing to use the divinely ordained means and scriptural methods, to be instruments to lead souls to Christ. In short, men are needed who are called of God, strong in the faith, prompted by the Holy Spirit, who from conviction can say, "Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel." The Apostle says: "Lay hands suddenly on no man."

In the time of our fathers, beneficiary students struggled and practiced self-denial. Parents, relatives, and friends of such students joined to give them financial aid. Brighter days dawned upon our beloved Church; but this fact is no reason why the door to beneficiary students should be widely thrown open and to offer special inducements to applicants, especially when our Church has a surplus of ministers.

It is gratifying that our colleges and seminaries are numerous and well equipped; but neither is this fact any reason why safeguards should not be cast about beneficiary education.

The committee would therefore recommend the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod deems it improper to revoke the rule requiring beneficiary students to give bonds.

Resolved, That Rule 6 be so modified as not to receive a young man as a beneficiary student until he is prepared to enter the Sophomore Class in College.

Resolved, That the attention of the Classes and the Board of Education be earnestly called to Rule 2 touching the reception of applicants for beneficiary aid; and that the utmost caution be exercised in taking young men under their care.

Resolved, That the Classes and the Board of Education be requested to continue to exercise careful vigilance over the moral and Christian conduct of students under their care.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON SPANGLER, *Chairman*.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday afternoon, John W. Wetzel, esq., was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Franklin and Marshall College for the term of ten

years; Revs. G. B. Resser, A. S. Weber, and I. N. Peightel were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years; Revs. F. F. Bahner, T. F. Hoffmeier, and M. O. Noll were chosen Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years; John A. Singer was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Woman's College for the term of five years.

The following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the North Carolina Classis, to wit: W. H. Williams, D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. D. Andrew, John E. Roller, Rev. C. Clever, Rev. J. D. Leonard, and Hon. C. H. Mebane to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge McCorkle.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Directors of the Woman's College, and Synod's members of the Board of Visitors, and Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., and their terms of service, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. G. B. Resser, A. S. Weber, and I. N. Peightel, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatricks, J. W. Santee, and J. T. Rossiter, for two years; Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, T. F. Hoffmeier, and J. A. Hoffheins, for one year.

REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE: Revs. F. F. Bahner, T. F. Hoffmeier, and M. O. Noll, for three years; Elder A. R. Schnebly, Revs. C. A. Santee, and J. B. Shontz, for two years; Elder S. Hoefflich, E. J. Bonbrake, and Rev. I. N. Peightel, for one year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WOMAN'S COLLEGE: John A. Singer, for five years; Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for four years; Rev. C. S. Slagle, for three years; Elder W. H. Lukin, for two years; and Elder A. C. McCardell, for one year.

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Revs. J. S. Kieffer and W. C. Schaeffer, for three years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and N. H. Skyles, for one year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: Elders J. H. Cost and F. Geise, for five years; Elders I. Laucks and S. N. Hench, for three years; and Elders G. N. Forney and E. Slagle, for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, of the General Board of Home Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration.

The Committee presented its report during the session of Saturday morning, which was received, considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports will be found subjoined in their proper places, to-wit :

I.—Report of the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN:—During the Synodical year the full Board had one meeting and the Executive Council had three meetings, at which Home Missionary work within the bounds of the Eastern and the Potomac Synods received due consideration. What concerns the general work you will learn from the report of the General Board; hence this report has to do only with local interests.

The traveling Hungarian missionary, Rev. Stephen Virag, who entered upon his work about three months ago, is supported almost entirely by special funds secured within these two Synods. At the last meeting of the Eastern Synod, \$300 were pledged for this work, nearly all of which has been paid; and additional pledges from a few individuals in both Synods, amounting to over \$700, were secured afterwards, thus providing for his support for nearly two years.

During the past summer the Sunday School Board supported student missionaries at Packerton, Pa., High Point, N. C., and in Baltimore, Md.

The General Board has lately ventured to enroll a few new missions, among which were Grace Church, Altoona, Pa., Palatinate Church, Philadelphia, Pa., St. John's Church, Harrisburg, Pa., Packerton, Pa., and an interesting field in the north-eastern section of Baltimore, Md.

Other new calls have lately come to us; but it is proper to add that while some of these fields should at once be enrolled and supported, an affirmative answer depends entirely on larger offerings.

Three Church-building Funds within our bounds have been completed during the year, that of Elder Freeland G. Hobson, of Collegeville, Pa.; that of the Woman's Missionary Society of Lebanon Classis, and the Catechumen Fund. By request of the donors the two first named have been paid to the General Board. Another, to be known as the Martha M. Simmons Church-building Fund, from Frederick, Md., has gone directly into the treasury of the General Board.

The quarterly reports of the missionaries show that our work is prospering. All the mission churches are insured. One, the Hungarian Church, in Trenton, N. J., was built during the year.

A study of the treasurer's report, which is herewith laid before you, will reveal interesting facts which it is not necessary to repeat here. Our investments remain much the same as a year ago, except the various loans and receipts noted by the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. WHITMER,
Superintendent of Missions.

Treasurer's Report.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer, in account with the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DR.

I.—For Home Missions.

FROM THE EASTERN SYNOD.

Philadelphia Classis.....	\$1,502 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	1,239 31	
Tohickon Classis.....	1,139 06	
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	1,533 24	
Lebanon Classis.....	1,481 34	
Lancaster Classis.....	1,350 37	
Schuylkill Classis.....	1,044 46	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	861 15	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	1,394 19	
Lehigh Classis.....	1,465 89	
Wyoming Classis.....	700 26	
Reading Classis.....	2,252 39	
		\$15,963 66

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Maryland Classis.....	\$2,184 66	
Juniata Classis.....	1,740 53	
Zion's Classis.....	399 31	
Mercersburg Classis.....	1,114 22	
Gettysburg Classis.....	300 00	
Carlisle Classis.....	766 92	
North Carolina Classis.....	265 35	
Virginia Classis.....	225 00	
		\$6,995 99

FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES.

Theological students, Lancaster, Pa.....	\$20 00	
Mrs. F. A. Gast, Lancaster, Pa.....	10 00	
Elder B. Schmitt, Woodstock, Va.....	50 00	
Primary Dept., Salem S. S., Harrisburg, Pa.....	1 22	
Transferred from interest account.....	62 50	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	5 00	
Sunday-school, Bellefonte, Pa.....	10 00	
Estate Miss Lydia Hoy, Mifflinburg, Pa.....	210 50	
Mrs. Catharine Bare, Lancaster, Pa.....	2 00	
From a sincere friend.....	20 00	
Emmanuel Sunday-school, Hanover, Pa.....	83 06	
Elder H. M. Schmuck and wife.....	20 00	
St. John's Church, Lovettsville, Va.....	11 50	
Mrs. E. J. Roebuck, Lititz, Pa.....	5 00	
Home Missionary Society, Lemaster, Pa.....	20 00	
Rev. C. D. Yost.....	5 00	
Sunday-school, Martinsburg, W. Va.....	11 03	

Missionary Society, Martinsburg, W. Va.....	\$ 30 00	
Interest on Wagner Legacy.....	100 00	
Congregation and Sunday-school, Reiglesville, Pa.	378 46	
Rev. Geo. G. Everhart, Shepherdstown, W. Va..	8 50	
Mrs. C. K. Small, Easter offering.....	20 00	
Rev. E. S. Hay, Roanoke, Va.....	8 80	
Lower Saucon, Rev. Dr. A. B. Koplin.....	46 76	
Rev. I. S. Motter, Frederick, Md.....	10 00	
Mr. _____, Baltimore, Md.....	5 00	
Heavenward Cir., King's Daughters, Lancaster, Pa.	5 00	
Rev. A. B. Bauman, Tom's Brook, Va.....	10 00	
J. J. Nissley, Treas., interest Gerhart Legacy....	6 00	
Grace Missionary Society, Altoona, Pa.....	5 00	
Woman's Missionary Society, Eastern Synod....	1,225 00	
		<u>\$2,405 33</u>

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Paid James T. Reber, Treasurer General Board..	\$21.410 19	\$25,364 98
Paid Geo. W. Stine, Treasurer General Board...	3.954 79	
		<u>\$25,364 98</u>

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HUNGARIAN MISSIONS.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	\$1,476 23	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	62 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis....	129 48	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	125 00	
Mrs. S. G. Zeiber, Hanover, Pa.....	5 00	
Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, D.D., Treas. Virginia Classis.	60 00	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	52 86	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis.....	49 20	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treas. Mercersburg Classis	100 00	
Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer Gettysburg Classis.	40 00	
Traveling Hungarian Missionary.....	359 00	
		<u>\$2,458 77</u>

HARBOR MISSIONS.

J. J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	\$201 64	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	10 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis....	28 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	22 00	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis... ..	8 29	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	16 41	
Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Treas. Mercersburg Classis	20 00	
Rev. T. J. Barkley, Treasurer Gettysburg Classis.	23 00	
		<u>\$329 34</u>

GERMAN MISSION WORK.

John J. Nissley, Treasurer Eastern Synod.....	\$811 00	
Geo. N. Forney, Treasurer Synod of the Potomac	61 00	
Rev. C. S. Slagle, Treasurer Maryland Classis....	129 00	
Rev. Lewis Robb, Treasurer Juniata Classis.....	140 00	
Rev. J. D. Miller, Treasurer Carlisle Classis.....	44 56	
Dr. J. Deisinger, Treasurer Zion's Classis.....	31 35	
		<u>\$1,216 91</u>

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Paid for Hungarian Missions.....	\$2,458 77	
Paid for Harbor Missions.....	329 34	
Paid for German Missions.....	1,216 91	
		<u>\$4,005 02</u>

II.—Designated Moneys.

Philadelphia Classis, for Messiah Mission.....	\$10 00	
Calvary Church, Reading, Pa., for Pottstown, Pa.	20 00	
Reading Classis, for Rev. F. B. Hahn.....	300 00	
Reading Classis, for Olivet Church, Reading, Pa.	100 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. J. L. Murphy....	30 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Dr. P. M. Trexler....	20 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. C. H. Reidesel..	100 00	
North Carolina Classis, for Rev. L. M. Kerschner	100 00	
Zion's Classis, for Chicago Mission.....	32 58	
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		\$712 58
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Paid as designated.....		\$712 58

III.—Church Building.**ON APPORTIONMENT.**

Schuylkill Classis.....	\$44 03	
Reading Classis.....	169 00	
East Pennsylvania Classis.....	56 00	
Goshenhoppen Classis.....	198 47	
Lancaster Classis.....	109 95	
Tohickon Classis.....	206 68	
West Susquehanna Classis.....	192 00	
Lebanon Classis.....	106 00	
East Susquehanna Classis.....	50 24	
Philadelphia Classis.....	30 55	
Lehigh Classis.....	70 00	
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		\$1,232 92

CHURCH BUILDING FUNDS.

Catechumen Fund.....	\$80 80	
Woman's Missionary Society, Lebanon Classis...	120 87	
F. G. Hobson Fund.....	100 00	
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		\$301 67

LOANS REPAID.

Reformed Church, Sioux City, Ia.....	\$2,250 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, balance on judgment.....	200 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell, on mortgage.....	100 00	
Hungarian Church, Bridgeport, Conn.....	400 00	
F. J. Schaffner.....	950 00	
Hummelstown National Bank.....	5,000 00	
Heidelberg Church, Timberville, Va.....	100 00	
General Board of Home Missions.....	1,000 00	
J. J. Nissley.....	950 00	
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		\$10,950 00

IV.—Legacy Account.

Balance in treasury, Oct. 1, 1899.....	\$1,463 25	
Christian Bender Legacy, transferred by Eastern Synod.....	950 00	
Miss Susan M. Pontius.....	1,500 00	
Miss Margaret R. Lautenschlager.....	1,000 00	
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		\$4,913 25
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		\$17,397 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

C. M. Boush, Treas., apportionment for church building.....	\$1,232 92	
Loan to F. J. Schaffner.....	950 00	

Loan to General Board of Home Missions.....	\$1,750 00	
Hungarian Church, Trenton, N. J.....	2,000 00	
Board of Trustees, Maryland Classis.....	5,000 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas., F. G. Hobson Fund transferred.....	500 00	
C. M. Boush, Treas., W. M. S., Lebanon Classis, Fund, transferred.....	500 00	
Ref'd Church Extension Society, Baltimore, Md.	500 00	
J. J. Nissley.....	950 00	
Grace Church, Allentown, Pa.....	1,500 00	
Balance in treasury, Sept. 30, 1899.....	2,514 92	
		<u>\$17,397 84</u>

V.—Interest Account.

1898.

Oct. 1. Balance in treasury.....	\$244 95	
Trinity Church, Altoona.....	38 00	
Dividends York National Bank Stock, Spangler Legacy.....	75 00	
L. C. Seidel.....	180 00	
Mrs. C. A. Fremell.....	108 90	
Hummelstown National Bank.....	100 00	
Hungarian Reformed Church, Bridgeport, Conn.	40 00	
Heidelberg Reformed Church, Timberville, Va...	7 50	
First Reformed Church, Royersford, Pa.....	60 00	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension.....	242 35	
C. M. Boush, Treasurer Church Extension, Abilene, Kansas.....	37 34	
Messiah Reformed Church, Philadelphia.....	10 00	
Wyoming Classis, Scranton bond.....	10 00	
F. J. Schaffner.....	47 50	
St. Paul's Reformed Church, Roanoke, Va.....	15 00	
Maryland Classis.....	72 50	
Tioga Reformed Church, Philadelphia.....	20 00	
First Reformed Church, Steelton, Pa.....	47 00	
J. J. Nissley.....	23 75	
		<u>\$1,379 79</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sewerage assessment, Astoria, Oregon.....	\$23 67	
Missionary at Burlington, N. C.....	62 50	
Grace Mission, Washington, D. C.....	40 00	
State tax on loans, Baltimore.....	10 03	
Traveling expenses of the Board, stationery, and postage.....	98 95	
Salary—Secretary, \$75; and Treasurer, \$75.....	150 00	
1899.		
Sept. 30. Balance in treasury.....	994 64	
		<u>\$1,379 79</u>

Respectfully submitted, JNO. J. NISSLEY, *Treasurer.*
 HUMMELSTOWN, PA., Sept. 30, 1899.

We, the undersigned, have audited the above account and find it correct, as stated.

ELLIS N. KREMER,
 CALVIN S. GERHARD.

LANCASTER, PA., Oct. 2, 1899.

**III.—Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the
Reformed Church in the United States, Ending
October 1st, 1899.**

Reverend Fathers and Brethren:

In compliance with custom we hereby submit a brief annual report. As the Minutes of General Synod, which are also officially before you, contain the Triennial Report of this Board, in which the work is fully and in detail set forth up to May 1, 1899, this report is limited to what has been done and projected since that date, together with such suggestions as the present conditions seem to demand.

RE-ORGANIZATION.—The Board was re-organized on May 27th, 1899, as follows: Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., president; Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., vice-president; Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., secretary; Elder Geo. W. Stein, treasurer; Elder C. M. Boush, Esq., treasurer of Church Building Funds, and attorney of the Board.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The Executive Committee consists of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, D.D., Rev. J. J. Leberman, D.D., Rev. T. J. Barkley, D.D., Rev. J. A. Peters, D.D., and Rev. J. H. Sechler, D.D.

THE BOARD.—The members of the Board have freely given themselves to the work and have been faithful to their responsible trusts. To know the conditions, to discriminate, and to systematically arrange for the vital needs of the several missions, demands the highest and most consecrated characteristics.

OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.—Our Superintendents are men of large experience, good judgment, untiring energy and consecrated zeal. They are acceptably filling delicate, difficult, responsible and wearing positions.

OUR MISSIONARIES.—Our Missionaries are as a class faithful and aggressive. Some of them are doing heroic work, and enduring hardships without the apparent appreciation of the Church. The Lord is sustaining His servants in the field. May He give His Church grace to feel the inspiration of the calls of His Providence, to do her part, in sustaining them by prayer, sympathy and money.

OUR MISSIONS.—Our Missions are well organized and well conducted. There is just now an unusual activity in Church Building. Eight west of the Alleghenies and one or more east of the mountains, are erecting houses of worship, while others are improving their church property. The average contributions of our Missions per member is above that of the established congregations of the Church. Our Missions were never in a more hopeful and prosperous condition. A

grand foundation has been laid for the future, and it has been done in the face of many hindrances.

INSURANCE.—The Board has directed that proper insurance shall be had, by all the Missions on their church property.

HUNGARIANS.—The Hungarian work is advancing. The Board has taken the necessary steps to assure proper church relations, and that only such methods and practices, as are in full harmony with the Church in this country, shall be observed among them.

Rev. Stephen Virag who was called from Hungary to be a travelling missionary here among his scattered countrymen, arrived, and was commissioned July 22d, 1899. The money for the support of this missionary for two years, has been provided outside of the appropriations for our ordinary work.

Hungarian Missionaries shall hereafter accept yearly reductions in their support as do the English Missionaries.

BOHEMIANS.—The Bohemian congregation organized at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Erie Classis has come under the care of this Board. A lot has been purchased, and a church is now being built, to cost about \$2,500.

The Board has also secured a lot for the Bohemian congregation at Chicago, Ill., on which a church will soon be built.

MICHAEL SCHLATTER MEMORIAL FUND.—The scheme to raise \$100,000 as a Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund for church building purposes, inaugurated during the Sesqui-Centennial services, has resulted in some Church Building Funds and other smaller amounts, which have been reported by the treasurer of this fund. The scheme deserves to be pushed until the full amount is realized.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.—Our Church Building Funds are steadily growing. "*The Catechumens Fund*" has been completed. Amount \$500. A new one has also been added to the list since the published report, namely "*The Martha M. Simmons Church Building Fund.*" Amount \$500. Given September 13, 1899, by her sisters, Mrs. Catharine S. Jacobs, Mrs. Georgianna A. Simmons, and the Misses Elizabeth G., Emma B., and Ella V. Houck, of Frederick, Md.

Here is a vital point at which people of means may help God's cause, and at the same time create an abiding memorial for themselves, or some friend, living or dead, that will be a blessing to unborn generations.

Special attention is hereby called to the descriptive list of Church Building Funds in the recent Triennial Report.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—The Church Extension feature of our work has grown rapidly and has become a very important factor. Its usefulness is only limited by the funds placed at our disposal. The careful study of the report of the treasurer

of this fund, will reveal an expansion in this phase of our work that ought to prove an inspiration.

MANUAL.—A manual containing the Charter, Rules and Regulations for the management of the business of the Board has been published. It also contains forms for deeds, charters, bequests, model constitution for a congregation, together with designs for chapels and churches. Copies of the Manual can be secured from the several superintendents of the Board.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.—*The Reformed Church Tidings* has been published for the past three years at a considerable annual loss. Its usefulness, however, justifies its continuance. It now appears in a modified, but improved form, with some change in price. A copy of this paper ought to go into every family of the Church. The spread of missionary literature is like leaven in the meal. It works silently but surely till the whole body is leavened.

FINANCES.—At the meeting of General Synod, we reported ourselves without debt. Since then, however, our income has not met our expenses. At the July meeting we were compelled to borrow money. The amount borrowed will scarcely be all in the treasury at the October meeting, when we must have over \$9,000 to pay our missionaries their dues. We are again one quarter in arrears. Shall this condition of things continue? The statement of this fact ought to burn into the conscience of every careless and neglectful church member, until they have been aroused to duty. Let there be an awakening all along the line.

FORWARD, THE WATCHWORD.—The policy and plans of the Board looking toward enlarged work was approved by General Synod, and we were authorized to go forward. As a Church, we are entering a new era of missionary activity. We are beginning to realize that our responsibilities are greater than the taking care of our own material. Our conception is broader than that of our fathers, and we need to cultivate a more liberal spirit. We are planning and planting for the future. We must use our men and means to the best advantage. This is the problem before us and requires prayerful and careful study.

Great cities are rapidly increasing in number. Earnest calls are coming to us from many of these centres, and if we as a Church are to have a future in this country we must respond to them.

New work has been assumed at Vandergift, Pa., LaHarpe, Kan., Alliance, O., North-east Baltimore, Md., Bay City, Mich., Greensboro and High Point, N. C., and a Bohemian mission in Cleveland, O.

Other points are under investigation and consideration;

notably, Allegheny City, Pa., Cleveland, O., Indianapolis, Ind., Omaha, Neb., and Des Moines, Ia.

If we are to continue to be a factor in the moulding of the destinies of the nation we must establish our Church firmly in these growing centres. It is true there are difficulties in the way, but they are not insurmountable. It will require self-denial, sacrifice and patient endurance in well doing, but what really good thing can be secured in any direction without these? The opportunity is at the door and it creates our responsibility.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.—The conviction has been growing in the Board that more help was needed to secure the funds necessary to carry forward our increasing work. This fact was communicated to General Synod, with the suggestion that the office of Financial Secretary be authorized. The suggestion was approved. We have created the office and called to it Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, of Huntington, Pa. He has accepted our call and entered upon the work Sept. 1, 1899.

Rev. Creitz speaks acceptably in both the German and English languages, has had seven years of successful pastoral experience, and has other special qualifications to fit him for the position. For the present his time will be given to the eastern portion of the Church. He is ready to co-operate with pastors and consistories in such way as shall, after mutual conference, promise the best results. He will aid in disseminating missionary intelligence, and in helping to inspire a new spirit and new energy to develop the financial possibilities at hand in many places. If you will give him your confidence and co-operation, good results will follow.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.—The Twentieth Century Movement for Home Missions, as approved by General Synod, is in process of inauguration. The Special Committee appointed by General Synod, to which the scope and details of the plan was committed, held a meeting, is maturing the scheme, and will in due time report to the Church.

The scheme, in addition to creating and circulating special literature, comprehends a series of church work conventions in all the classes, including sermons, addresses, prayers and offerings, whereby the people shall be encouraged to give themselves and their possessions unreservedly to the Lord and His sacred cause. "Facts are the finger of God." To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest. The purpose is to give these facts to the people; to show the way in which they can be brought and kept before the people. If this is done we expect to greatly increase the interest in the work.

INCREASED FUNDS ASSUMED.—General Synod not only authorized a forward movement, but with faith in God and in

the membership of the Church, assumed to provide a decided increase in funds.

The amount assumed annually for the next three years is \$65,000, to be applied as follows: \$50,000 annually for English missions; \$8,000 for Hungarian and Bohemian missions; \$6,000 for German missions in large cities, and \$1,100 for Harbor missions. The \$50,000 is apportioned to the five English Synods only, while the other amounts are apportioned alike to each of the eight Synods.

The whole amount is \$7,100 more than was assumed three years ago. This indicates progress; the work is expanding; the Church is growing. These amounts can be raised, if we have the will to do so. How much will it be per member? The \$50,000 will require of the English Synods 28 cents per member. The Hungarian and Bohemian work calls for $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member; the German work a little over 2 cents, and the Harbor mission work about $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. This makes a little less than 34 cents which, together with the 6 cents for Church Extension, makes a total of not quite 40 cents per member for Home Mission work in all departments. Who will say the amount is too large? Where is the congregation in which it would involve a hardship to average this amount? We can and we ought to contribute much more than this.

AGGRESSIVE WORK.—If the Board is to do the aggressive work outlined and sanctioned by the General Synod, then the full amount assumed must be accepted by the several District Synods and Classes; and further, prompt, systematic and energetic measures must be introduced to put the money into the treasury of the Board. We cannot "make brick without straw." It is bad policy and worse economy to compel the Board to borrow money from time to time to carry forward the work. What is admissible in an emergency becomes ruinous as a practice. The money paid as interest would sustain an efficient mission at some vital centre of population. The Church *can* provide all the money assumed. Let us resolve that by the help of God we *will* do it.

ENTHUSIASM.—If the same enthusiasm that pervaded General Synod can be evoked in the District Synods, Classes and Church Work Conventions, so that the contagion will lay hold of our pastors and people, we shall have all the men and the money we need for our work. No more vital question will come before your Reverend Body than missions. Give an evening, or better still, a session to the consideration of this subject. The more you study and discuss it the more your souls will glow with warmth, and an enthusiasm will be begotten, that will infect the whole Church, and produce results, that will prove a blessing to you, and to the cause of missions,

whereby God will be greatly honored. To this end let us work and pray. May the Head of the Church bless the means employed and hasten the day of awakened enthusiasm, of consecrated energy and of generous offerings.

E. R. ESCHBACH, *President*.

IV.—Report of Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN: The Board of Foreign Missions, communicating to your Reverend Body a statement of the condition, successes and outlook of our foreign work, feels that the fullest and most satisfactory exhibit it can make, is to lay before you the report it made to the General Synod at its late meeting in the city of Tiffin, Ohio, last May, a copy of which we herewith send you. That report contains a full exhibit of the condition of our work in Japan, up, practically, to the present time.

The action of General Synod in response to that report, is fully set forth in the report presented to that body by its Standing Committee on Missions, embodied in the published minutes of its proceedings, which, doubtless, is in possession of your body, which renders it unnecessary to repeat it in this communication. Yielding to the pressure of a sentiment, widespread throughout our Church, that the time had come for an extension of our foreign work, the General Synod directed the Foreign Board to plant a new Mission in the Empire of China; as also to reinforce our growing Japan work by sending out three additional missionaries—two men, and one lady. The recent resignation of Miss Mary C. Hollowell, has made it necessary to increase the number of ladies to two, instead of one, as directed by General Synod.

The Board hastened to take steps to carry out the work laid upon it by General Synod. At its last meeting on September 12th, ult., it resolved to establish a mission, consisting of two missionaries in the Province of Hunan in China. Yielding to the importunate urgency of Rev. W. E. Hoy, he was transferred from Japan to the proposed new Mission in China. It then directed the Secretary to issue a call for three male missionaries for Japan and China, and two ladies for the Girls' School in Sendai. The call was accordingly issued in the Church Papers, and such has been the encouraging response as to make it more than probable that the number desired will be appointed at the meeting of the Board, to convene November 7, prox.

Since the revised treaties have gone into effect in Japan, the Educational Department of the Government has adopted such regulations for the management of Schools as may seriously interfere with the educational work of Christian Mis-

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The Hungarian work is advancing. A travelling missionary has been placed in the field. The Board has taken necessary steps to assure proper church relations, and to bring their methods and practices into full harmony with the Church of this country.

The Bohemian work is also of much importance. The congregation organized at Cleveland, Ohio, by Erie Classis, has come under the care of the Board. A lot has been purchased and a church is now being built.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

In order to carry forward the work of Home Missions, more successfully, with the approval of the General Synod, the Boards appointed Rev. Chas. E. Creitz, Financial Secretary. He entered upon his work September 1, 1899.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

This movement for Home Missions, as approved by the General Synod, is in process of inauguration. It ought to engage our earnest and prayerful attention and united co-operation.

We submit the following for your consideration:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

WHEREAS, The General Board of Home Missions has called our attention to the necessity of a new church building in Washington, D. C., and asks that steps be taken to secure not less than \$30,000 for the purpose of erecting such a building,

Resolved, That we approve of the challenge made by the Board of Home Missions to the entire Church for this amount, \$30,000.

Resolved, That the Synod hereby urges upon our Classes and pastors to co-operate with the General Board of Home Missions in accomplishing this result.

Resolved, That the Synod calls the attention of the Classes and congregations and individual members anew to the importance of these funds; and Classes are urged to take active steps toward securing more of these funds.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

Resolved, That this Synod endorses the Twentieth Century Movement in behalf of Home Missions, as proposed by the General Synod, and heartily commends it to the co-operation of all our Classes and congregations.

Resolved, That during the next annual meeting of the Synod, in 1900, a special missionary meeting, in behalf of the

movement shall be held, the program for which shall be prepared by a committee, consisting of the officers of Synod and Synod's member of the General Committee.

Resolved, That in order to co-operation in this movement, the Synod appoint a committee of three; that each Classis be requested to appoint a committee of three, and that the Classis request each consistory to appoint a committee of three in each congregation.

Resolved, That, in order that this work may be carried into practical effect, the Synod requests each Classis to hold a meeting in the interest of this movement, at the next annual meeting, and also that the Classis direct that such conventions or meetings be held in each congregation and that pastors be requested to preach special sermons on the subject.

Resolved That the Synod requests all the Classes to urge their respective congregations to pay their full apportionments to both Home and Foreign Missions, and at the earliest periods, during the classical year, so that the Boards may not be under the necessity of borrowing money to carry on the work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the Triennial Report of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and from the supplementary report of the Secretary, we learn of the continued progress in the foreign work. The scope of the work, and the number of preaching stations have been increased. A call has been issued for three male missionaries for Japan and China, and two ladies for the Girls' School at Sendai, Japan. Steps have been taken for the establishment of a mission in China, in accordance with the instructions of the General Synod at its last sessions. We regret to learn of the illness of some of our missionaries.

In view of these facts we recommend the following action:

Resolved, That the Synod anew commends the cause of Foreign Missions to the Classes, and realizing that this enlarged work demands increased support, the Classes be most respectfully and importunately urged to give their most cordial and effective support and co-operation to this work.

Resolved, That the sympathies of this Synod be extended to the afflicted missionaries, praying that the Great Master whom they serve may speedily restore them to their accustomed health and strength.

C. A. SANTEE, *Chairman*.

Rev. C. Clever, L. E. Coblenz, and C. A. Santee were appointed the Synod's Committee on the Twentieth Century Movement, called for in the foregoing report.

On item 2 of the Committee on Overtures, in answer to the request of the Bi-Synodic Board, the following resolutions were adopted, and the officers of the Synod were authorized to certify thereto under the seal of Synod:

Resolved, That this Synod of the Potomac does hereby disclaim any right, title or interest or estate in or to said property or any part thereof, in law or in equity, as trustee or as the beneficiary of a trust or otherwise; that this Synod of the Potomac join with said First Reformed Church of the City of Stockton in petitioning said Superior Court of the County of San Joaquin for permission to sell said property; that when such permission shall have been so obtained, and a purchaser of said property discovered, that this Synod of the Potomac make its deed to said purchaser, conveying all and every right, title, interest or estate whether in law or in equity, that this Synod of the Potomac has in or to said property and every part thereof, freed from every trust and limitation as to the use and occupation thereof; and that such sale convey all the title and estate to said property that this Synod of the Potomac has therein, or that the said Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States has therein as trustee thereof for the benefit of this Synod of the Potomac, or otherwise holds for this Synod, in trust or otherwise, and for every use and purpose.

It is further resolved that the officers of this Synod of the Potomac, to-wit: the President, Rev. George B. Resser, of Hanover, Pa., and the Secretary, Rev. Dr. William M. Deatruck, of Bedford, Pa., be and they are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to proceed to carry out these resolutions, and to execute a deed to the purchaser of said property in the name of the said Synod of the Potomac, and under its corporate seal, as hereinbefore resolved, and said officers are further authorized and directed to appear in any suits, actions or proceedings, in the name and on behalf of this Synod of the Potomac, whether as plaintiff or petitioner, or as defendant or respondent, in any court or courts, that may be required to clear any cloud from the title of said First Reformed Church, its grantees, successors or assigns, in or to said property, to the end that the absolute title may rest in said church, its grantees, assigns or successors, freed from all and every trust and limitation as to its use.

It is further resolved that the said officers be and they are hereby authorized and directed to do and perform every act and thing that may be required to accomplish all the purposes of the whole of this resolution.

It is further resolved that the said Board of Missions be and they are hereby requested, authorized and directed to pro-

ceed to join with said church in petitioning for the sale of said property and that they convey to the purchaser at such sale all the right, title and interest and estate that they may hold in said property, in trust for this Synod of the Potomac or otherwise, freed from all limitations as to its use; and that if no purchaser be so obtained, that said Board proceed as may be required by law to confirm the absolute title to said property in said Church, freed from all trusts and limitations as to its use.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer was nominated to the General Board of Home Missions for Superintendent of the Bi-Synodic Board of Home Missions for the term of four years.

At the election for members of the several Boards of Synod, Rev. C. A. Santee was re-elected a member of the Synodic Board of Missions, for the term of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE: Rev. C. A. Santee, four years; Revs. F. A. Rupley, Jr., and C. B. Heller, three years; Revs. J. F. Moyer and E. R. Deatrick, two years; and Revs. E. R. Eschbach and J. A. Hoffheins, one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The annual report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The report is as follows:

Treasurer's Report.

GEO. N. FORNEY, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac from October 25th, 1898, to October 25th, 1899.

DR.

To balance on hand, October 25th, 1898..... \$1,063 87
To amounts received from Classes, as follows:

MARYLAND CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$51 00	
George Zacharias Fund.....	10 00	
Theological Seminary.....	75 00	
Calvin College.....	50 60	
Catawba College.....	74 00	
		\$260 60

NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$50 00	
Contingent Fund General Synod.....	25 00	
Catawba College.....	98 00	
Church Building at Salisbury, N. C.....	201 75	
		\$374 75

MERCERSBURG CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$18 00	
Catawba College.....	100 00	
Calvin College.....	29 00	
		\$147 00

CARLISLE CLASSIS.

Franklin and Marshall Science Building.....	\$ 82 50	
Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	19 97	
Salisbury Mission.....	5 00	
Scranton Mission.....	8 00	
Contingent Fund of Synod.....	29 85	
Calvin College.....	25 35	
Theological Seminary.....	29 75	
Catawba College.....	68 22	
		<hr/> \$268 64

VIRGINIA CLASSIS.

Harbor Missions.....	\$22 00	
Missions Among the Germans.....	25 00	
Theological Seminary.....	30 00	
Contingent Fund of Synod.....	15 00	
Catawba College.....	50 00	
		<hr/> \$142 00

ZION'S CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$28 12	
Calvin College.....	14 88	
Catawba College.....	34 55	
Theological Seminary.....	23 87	
		<hr/> \$101 42

JUNIATA CLASSIS.

Theological Seminary.....	\$137 00	
Catawba College.....	160 00	
Calvin College.....	45 00	
Contingent Fund of Synod.....	31 00	
		<hr/> \$373 00

GETTYSBURG CLASSIS.

Contingent Fund of Synod.....	\$30 00	
Theological Seminary.....	40 00	
		<hr/> \$70 00
		<hr/> \$2,801 28

1898.

CR.

Nov. 4.	By legal expenses paid M. L. Keedy.....	\$5 00
Nov. 4.	By taxes paid on mortgages for 1897-98.....	24 00
Nov. 7.	By amount paid J. S. Garrison, expenses at Synod.....	1 00
Nov. 7.	By amount paid Rev. N. H. Skyles, expenses of Synod at Woodstock, Va.....	26 00
Nov. 7.	By amount paid W. A. Pence, expenses at Catawba College.....	27 90
Dec. 9.	By amount paid to F. A. Rupley, for expenses of Prof. J. H. Appel.....	11 20
Dec. 9.	By amount paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, postage and incidentals.....	15 00
Dec. 16.	By amount paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Stoudenour Note.....	200 30
Dec. 16.	By amount paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, interest on above Note.....	12 00
1899.		
Feb. 8.	By amount paid H. L. Trout, for one blank book..	8 00
Feb. 9.	By amount paid C. L. Ferner, 3,000 copies Minutes of Synod.....	136 20
Feb. 9.	By amount paid Rev. W. M. Deatrick, salary as Clerk of Synod.....	100 00
Feb. 9.	By amount paid G. S. Griffith, expenses for Sun- day-school work.....	2 27

Feb. 14.	By amount paid Fidelity Trust and Deposit Co., of Baltimore, for Treasurer's bond.....	\$ 25 00
Mar. 31.	By amount paid Rev. George M. Zacharias, for services rendered in Holland.....	100 00
May 5.	By amount paid Rev. W. H. Groh, interest on Brechbill Legacy.....	12 00
May 11.	By amount paid Rev. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for Catawba College.....	98 00
May 11.	By amount paid Rev. J. C. Leonard, for Salisbury Mission.....	201 75
May 13.	By amount paid Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses at Board of Visitors.....	3 00
May 16.	By amount paid Rev. J. S. Kieffer, expenses at Board of Visitors.....	3 38
May 23.	By amount paid Rev. N. H. Skyles, expenses at Board of Visitors.....	11 30
June 12.	By amount paid Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, expenses at Board of Visitors.....	5 28
June 12.	By amount paid Rev. J. H. Cost, expenses Seminary Board meeting.....	7 59
June 22.	By amount paid Rev. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for Catawba College.....	409 77
Aug. 4.	By amount paid Rev. J. David Miller, expenses at meeting Board of Education.....	10 45
Aug. 30.	By amount paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological Seminary.....	242 62
Oct. 17.	By amount paid Rev. H. J. Reutenik, for Calvin College.....	164 83
Oct. 17.	By amount paid W. R. Barnhart, Treasurer, for Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	44 97
Oct. 17.	By amount paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological Seminary.....	53 00
Oct. 17.	By amount paid Rev. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for Catawba College.....	77 00
Oct. 17.	By amount paid John J. Nissley, Treasurer, for German, Harbor and Scranton Missions.....	55 00
Oct. 17.	By amount paid J. C. Leonard, Treasurer, for Salisbury Mission.....	5 00
Oct. 17.	By amount paid Rev. A. M. Schmidt, for Science Building, Franklin and Marshall College.....	82 50
Oct. 21.	By amount paid John B. Roth, Treasurer, for Theological Seminary.....	40 00
Oct. 25.	By amount paid Revs. Hoffmeier and Bahner, expenses at meeting of Board of Trustees of Synod.....	2 70
Oct. 25.	By amount paid George N. Forney, salary as Treasurer.....	100 00
Oct. 25.	Balance on hand.....	476 97
		<hr/> \$2,801 28

NOTE.—Several of the Classical Treasurers, in violation of a rule of Synod, adopted several years ago, requiring all mission funds to be sent direct to the proper treasurers, and not to the Treasurer of Synod, sent funds to him for Harbor Missions, Church-building, and Work among the Germans, whilst the Treasurers of the other Classes remitted their funds, according to the rule. On motion, the attention of the Classical Treasurers was called anew to this rule of the Synod.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report, during the session of Monday morning, which was received, amended, and adopted. The report is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to submit the following report:

The Committee has carefully examined the Treasurer's Report, with the accompanying vouchers, and found it correct.

The following amounts having been referred to your Committee, have been apportioned, half of the amount for Contingent Fund of the General Synod to be apportioned and paid by the Classes the present year, and the remaining half next year, to wit:

Classes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Hungarian and Bohemian Missions.	Work Among Germans.	Harbor Missions.	Beneficiary Education.	Theological Seminary.	Catawba College.	Contingent Fund.	Contingent Fund General Synod.	Totals.
Maryland	\$3000	\$1585	\$245	\$240	\$34	\$976	\$183	\$194	\$51	\$255	\$6773
Gett'sburg	1735	875	160	135	25	650	128	143	30	150	4032
Juniata ...	1735	875	160	135	25	675	129	143	31	155	4063
Zion's	1130	690	135	120	21	480	94	12	25	125	2940
Mer'burg	1110	570	135	90	20	469	90	83	18	90	2675
Carlisle ..	910	425	95	50	12	350	66	63	15	75	2061
Virginia ..	555	395	95	4	11	300	58	64	15	75	1608
N. Carolina	575	425	95	30	11	300	52	90	15	75	1668
Total..	\$10750	\$5840	\$1120	\$940	\$160	\$4200	\$800	\$900	\$200	\$1000	\$25810

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. MACKLEY, *Chairman.*

Arrearages.

The following arrearages are still resting on the different Classes, for the following objects, to wit:

Contingent Fund of Synod: Carlisle Classis, \$55.13.

Contingent Fund of General Synod: Carlisle Classis, \$13.32.

Catawba College: Gettysburg Classis, \$300.00; Zion's Classis, \$195.97; Maryland Classis, \$163.29; Carlisle Classis, \$37.78; Virginia Classis, \$22.00.

Calvin College: Gettysburg Classis, \$46.00; North Carolina Classis, \$45.00; Zion's Classis, \$33.86; Maryland Classis, \$25.90; Virginia Classis, \$23.00; Carlisle Classis, \$9.25.

Report of Synod's Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees presented its annual report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Trustees respectfully present to your reverend body the following report:

The Board held its annual meeting at Hanover, Pa., October 19, 1899. All the members were present.

The officers of the Board were re-elected, viz: President, Elder Jacob H. Shriver; Vice-President and Secretary, Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.

In accordance with the instructions of Synod last year, your Treasurer gave bond in the sum of \$10,000, with the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Baltimore, Md., as security for one year from February 1st, 1899, at a cost of \$25.

Your Trustees carefully examined and audited the securities of the Seminary Endowment Fund in the hands of the Treasurer of Synod, and found bonds, notes and mortgages, amounting to their par value, to \$33,000, and bearing a fair rate of interest. Many of these securities have advanced in price since their purchase, and their present market value would be about \$34,000.

At the last meeting of Synod the amount of these investments was reported to be \$33,900.

Losses amounting to \$900 were sustained in the collection of some of these investments, thus leaving the net amount \$33,000, as above reported.

The Seminary Fellowship Fund with accumulated interest now amounts to \$1,626.

In regard to the Philip Brechbill Legacy of \$200, the status of which your Treasurer, in connection with the Trustees, was instructed to investigate, we find that the Synod, having accepted this trust, it can be released from the same only by petitioning the Court of Cumberland County, Pa., to authorize the Synod to pay the principal into the hands of a responsible Trust Company and said Company pay the interest annually to the congregation at Churchtown, Cumberland County, Pa.

The term of office of Rev. F. F. Bahner will expire January 1st, 1900. It will be necessary for the Synod to elect his successor at its present meeting.

By order of the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted.

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, MD., October 24, 1899.

The matter of changing the holding of the Philip Brech-

bill Legacy was re-committed to the Board of Trustees for further action.

Rev. T. J. Barkley was duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees for the term of five years, from January 1st, 1900.

Members of the Board of Trustees and terms of service: Rev. T. J. Barkley, for five years; Elder Jacob D. Zehring, for four years; Elder Jacob H. Schriver, for three years; Elder George N. Forney, for two years; and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, for one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

None.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

Item 6 of Report on Overtures, and Item 9 of Report on Minutes of Classes, were referred to a Special Committee for consideration, consisting of Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, C. E. Creitz, and Elder J. H. Schriver.

On Friday afternoon, the Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee to whom the foregoing items were referred, begs leave to report, as follows, namely:

The Committee has found the complaint in order, and recommend the following order of trial in the case:

1. The hearing of the case shall be made the order of the day on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

2. The documents in the case shall first be read, viz., the Minutes of Zion's Classis relating to the action complained against and the communication of the complainants.

3. The complainants shall have twenty minutes in which to present their case. The representative of the Classis shall then have thirty minutes in which to reply. The complainants shall then have ten minutes in which to close. The vote of the Synod shall then be taken without debate.

Respectfully submitted, T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman*.

The trial of the case took place at the time designated, and in the manner provided. Thereupon, the Synod voted as follows:

Ayes: Ministers, J. S. Kieffer, B. R. Carnahan, G. W. Snyder, A. Conner, W. C. Sykes, K. O. Spessard, E. R. Eschbach, S. M. Hench, T. F. Hoffmeier, G. A. Whitmore, H. J. Macalister, S. M. Roeder, A. Bateman, C. A. Santee, I. N. Peightel, F. F. Bahner, I. M. Beaver, E. O. Keen, J. A. Hoffheins, H. Ditzler, A. B. Bauman, A. D. Wolfinger, J. P. Harner, E. S. Hay, J. D. Andrew, I. C. Hesson, W. H. McNairy,

J. N. Faust, J. L. Murphy, M. M. Noacher, G. B. Resser, F. C. Seitz, W. E. Krebs, J. F. Mackley, M. O. Noll, J. D. Miller, C. H. Brandt, J. F. Moyer, G. R. Poetter, P. S. Leinbach, and Elders M. W. Bahn, S. N. Hench, C. H. Coblentz, J. T. Brown, D. C. Hammett, W. S. Flook, J. P. Balthoser, J. H. Cost, C. A. Thomas, S. H. Miller, J. A. Diehl, H. Mickley, C. Wicke, S. Hoeflich, C. P. Matthaei, D. S. Rentch, T. N. Sellers, J. H. Bauserman, J. S. Palmer, A. R. Brodbeck, J. H. Schriver, J. Stambaugh, W. J. Feezer, J. P. Butt, G. W. Weaver, J. H. Sheibley, M. Bechhoefer, J. Brewster, A. C. Daniel. Ayes, 69.

Nays: None.

Non liquet: Ministers, M. J. Roth, F. S. Lindaman, E. M. Beck. *Non liquet,* 3.

Report on Meaning of Synod's Action on Complaint Against Zion's Classis.

Upon the announcement of the result, Rev. A. Spangler gave notice of complaint from the decision to the next meeting of the General Synod.

Revs. T. F. Hoffmeier, J. S. Kieffer, and Elder J. H. Schriver were appointed a committee to define the meaning of the Synod in sustaining the complaint. This Committee subsequently reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee, appointed to prepare a deliverance setting forth the meaning of the action of the Synod in sustaining the complaint against Zion's Classis, offers the following:

Resolved, That in sustaining the complaint against the action of Zion's Classis, the Synod decides, that the action of Zion's Classis in refusing to receive Rev. R. E. Butts, who was honorably dismissed to it by the East Susquehanna, as a minister of the Reformed Church in good and regular standing in said Classis, against whom there were no objections on the ground of doctrine or morals, was a violation of Article 53 of the Constitution; that the Classis therefore erred, and its action should be reversed. Respectfully submitted.

T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday-schools presented the following report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

Report of the Sunday School Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Sunday-school Board, and proceedings of the General Synod on the same subject, begs leave to report:

No interest can be more important than the religious instruction of the rising generation. Under the educational system of religion which has characterized the Reformed Church for three hundred and fifty years, and which belongs to the very genius of Christianity, the Sunday-school must always hold an important place. It is gratifying to know that encouraging success and great progress have attended the efforts of General Synod's Sunday-school Board, as the facts set forth in their detailed report clearly indicate. Great increase has been made in the quantity, and great improvement in the quality of Sunday-school lesson helps and literature under their vigorous management.

The Committee on Missions of this Synod has already reported on various phases of the Twentieth Century Movement and the important missionary features of the Sunday-school Board's report.

We need not recapitulate the recommendations of that Committee or of the Sunday-school Board itself in detail, which will come directly to the Classes without our intervention. However, we deem it proper to emphasize in a general way the action of General Synod, and specially call the attention of the Classes anew to the important features set forth for their consideration in the Report of the Sunday-school Board.

We regret that Virginia Classis has failed to furnish us with a statistical table up to date, in accordance with the urgent request of Synod and also of General Synod. (See page 181 of Minutes.)

Otherwise the table for this year is full and official, as herewith presented.

In conclusion, we submit the following resolutions, as embodying all the action that we deem necessary for this Synod to adopt at this time:

Resolved, By the Synod of the Potomac, convened in annual sessions at Baltimore, October, 1899, that we have learned with great pleasure of the gratifying success that has attended the energetic efforts of the Sunday-school Board in the management of the important interests committed to its care.

Resolved, That we commend to the Classes, congregations and Sunday-schools under our jurisdiction, the various suggestions and recommendations of General Synod and its Sunday-school Board to promote the increase of our Sunday-schools in numbers and efficiency.

Resolved, That the Classes be requested to see to it that the special injunction heretofore given by this Synod, as well as by the General Synod, in the matter of furnishing complete statistical tables for the use of the Sunday-school Board, shall be complied with.

Respectfully submitted, CYRUS CORT, *Chairman*.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools and Statistical Summary.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	Membership.				Relat'n to Ch.				Education.				Contributions.					
	No. of Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.	Average Attendance.	No. of Schools open 12 months.	If Union Schools, estimated Re- formed Enrollment.	Scholars in full Membership of the Church.	Baptized Scholars.	Rec'd dur'g yr. into full mem.	No. Schools using Catechism.	No. Using Ref. Lesson Helps.	No. of Copies of S. S. papers ta- ken per yr. (not lesson papers).	No. of Books in Library.	To S. S. Work of Gen. Board	To other Church Boards and Institutions.	To other Benevolent Objects.	To Support of the School.
Zion's	34	617	4941	6499	2475	19	621	729	697	62	7	12	2625	2859	42	20	225	2165
Maryland	56	1207	7906	9094	4161	42	359	2,233	4022	256	24	44	1929	8945	160	872	754	4294
Merc'sb'g	18	346	2370	2681	1556	17	30	712	264	69	16	17	703	2475	50	381	46	1635
*Virginia	23	285	1488	1899	1061			498	860	52	9	21	249	1815	54	51	23	233
N. Carol'a	24	238	2131	2237	1067	11	278	646	769	5	1	12	206	465		7	10	331
Gettysb'g	25	440	2779	3219	1534	15	439	912	1935	145	13	21	195	1718	58	319	239	1248
Carlisle	16	280	2204	2484	1482	16		1016	627	79	13	16	5777	148	29	78	291	561
Juniata	46	694	4283	4963	2680	27		1531	2104	141	17	40	1605	3521	143	317	263	1573
	242	4107	25102	33976	18016	147	1727	8267	11268	877	105	193	13238	22946	636	2045	1781	12359

*Figures of previous year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

Nothing occurred under this head.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 21 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted:

Report on Publishing the Minutes.

The undersigned begs leave to report, that he had three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Sessions of the Synod, printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them according to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publication Board of Philadelphia, at a cost of \$136.20.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States.

DEAR BRETHREN: In order to present to your Reverend Bodies a full and clear exhibit of the condition of your publication affairs at the close of the third year of the present manage-

ment, we submit for your examination, first of all, the report of the Treasurer of the Board and that of the Business Manager. The first is given in summarized form, the second in full.

The report of Treasurer is as follows:

REPORT OF JAMES T. REBER, TREASURER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, SEPT. 22, 1899.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

September 15th, 1898, Balance in Treasury.....	\$221 40	
From interest during the year.....	208 19	
From principal paid during the year.....	2,800 00	
From bonus by Sunday-school Board.....	1,000 00	
From final balance of Fisher Estate.....	18 58	
		<u>\$4,248 17</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

For expenses of Board meetings.....	\$126 00	
For Printing Report.....	8 50	
For Premium and Accrued Interest.....	74 33	
For Reading & Columbia R. R. Co. Mort. Bonds.	4,000 00	
Balance in Treasury, September 22, 1899.....	39 34	
		<u>\$4,248 17</u>

INVESTMENTS, SEPTEMBER 22, 1899.

Mort. Bond, Massillon Church, Massillon, O.....	\$1,000 00	
Mort. Bond, Youngstown Ch., Youngstown, O...	1,000 00	
Mortgage Bonds. Reading & Columbia R. R.....	4,000 00	
		<u>\$6,000 00</u>

The Treasurer's books and report in detail were audited by J. H. Stein, and found correct.

By comparing this report with the report of the Treasurer of last year, it will be seen that the invested funds have been increased by \$1,200.00. Adding to the \$6,000.00 invested, the sum of \$1,878.94, which is the amount placed in the plant as working capital, gives the whole amount belonging to the Treasury of the Board, or \$7,878.94.

The report of the Business Manager is as follows:

THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REV. C. R. FERNER, BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD, FROM JUNE 30, 1898, TO JUNE 30, 1899.

I.

Cash on hand June 30, 1898, as per last statement..... \$1,980 19

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

For "Messenger".....	\$9,591 33	
For "Review".....	628 85	
For Book Store.....	8,717 84	
		<u>\$18,938 02</u>

EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR.

For "Messenger".....	\$9,656 98	
For "Review".....	643 82	
For Book Store.....	6,195 07	
		<u>\$16,495 81</u>

Balance cash in bank, June 20, 1899..... \$4,422 34

II.

Resources of the Board.

ASSETS.

Cash in bank.....	\$4,422 34	
Invoices of Stock on hand.....	4,071 66	
Due on Accounts in Book Store.....	1,093 14	
Due from subscriptions to "Messenger".....	6,260 00	
Due from Advertisements in "Messenger".....	450 00	
Due from Subscriptions to "Review".....	330 00	
		<hr/> \$16,627 14

LIABILITIES.

Balance on Working Capital Advanced.....	\$1,878 94	
Advance Subscriptions paid on "Messenger"....	1,789 60	
Advance Subscriptions paid on "Review".....	151 00	
Accounts Overpaid in Book Store.....	14 00	
Bills Payable, Printers for "Messenger".....	474 64	
" Contributors to "Messenger".....	96 00	
" Book Store.....	58 42	
		<hr/> \$4,462 60

Balance..... \$12,165 54

J. H. Stein and H. M. Housekeeper, two members of the Board, were appointed an auditing committee, who reported that they had examined the books and accounts of the manager from July 1st, 1898, to July 1st, 1899, "and found everything correct."

From the above financial statement of the manager, it will be seen that the receipts from the periodicals and book store were \$1,332.13 greater this year than last, and the expenditures for the same objects, \$98.44 less, showing \$1,430.57 in favor of the year just closed. It will also be seen that the assets exceed the liabilities by \$12,165.54. These last figures show the net earnings of the establishment during the three years of the present management.

The assets we believe to be good. The only items whose face value could not be converted into so much cash money, are the sums due on the periodicals, but if these were discounted at 50 per cent. there would still remain about \$9,000.00 of net earnings, an average of about \$3,000.00 annually, which is the best showing your Board has been able to make for many years past.

The attention of the Synod is called to the large sum due on subscriptions to the "Messenger." The manager's efforts to have subscribers pay more promptly have met with only partial success. We ask the co-operation of the pastors of the Synods in our endeavors to remedy this evil.

By examining the statement under consideration it will be learned that the "Messenger" again failed to pay for itself, though it came much nearer doing so than last year. The deficit this year is only \$65.65; last year it was \$1,294.94. If the subscriptions were paid punctually according to the conditions,

the "Messenger" would not only pay all the expenses incurred in its behalf, but also produce a balance in its favor annually, and thus open the way for a reduction of the subscription price.

Last year we reported to your bodies that Rev. John N. Naly had been secured as General Agent for the Board, who was to visit the Synods and devote his whole time to systematic labors in the interests of the publications of the Church. Mr. Naly, however, finally declined to serve. Afterwards Rev. H. N. Bassler was secured to act in the proposed capacity, but at the end of five months he resigned the position, and the Board has not yet been able to find any one else to take his place. We still are of the conviction that such an agent is very much needed, and we trust we may be able to secure one in the near future.

The request continues to be made in different sections of the Church for a reduction of the price of the "Messenger." The subscription price has been reduced at various times in the past, but no further reduction can be made at this time, unless the general character and grade of the paper be lowered or the subscription list materially increased. We do not believe that it would be wise to do the first, and we do not have any very great hopes that the second will be accomplished very soon. But in our judgment the Board, the manager, the Synods and the pastors ought to put forth united and persistent efforts to give the paper a much wider circulation, and thus prepare the way for a reduction of the subscription price. As a matter of encouragement, we would state that during the months of July and August last, over four hundred names were added to the subscription list, and that the circulation is now several hundred copies larger than it was at any time in the last two years. But while on this point we would add yet, that compared with the prices paid for family papers published by other Churches, the subscription price of the "Messenger" is not too high.

During the year your Board appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Ohio Synod with reference to the advisability of uniting the eastern and western papers. This committee subsequently reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them but that the conditions were not favorable at present to the opening of negotiations on the subject. Your Board took the above action in obedience to a resolution passed by the Pittsburgh Synod at its last year's sessions.

In compliance with the actions of the Synods last year, the Publication and Sunday-school Boards met in Philadelphia on the 22d and 23d days of February, 1899, and appointed committees who should endeavor to adjust the difficulties between the two Boards. These committees met on the 11th of

May, and after much discussion and deliberation entered into an additional agreement which was signed by all the members of the committees and afterwards approved by the two Boards. In this agreement your Board did not secure all they claimed they were entitled to, but it was the best to which the representatives of the Sunday-school Board felt themselves able to agree. The agreement is as follows, and is now submitted to your Reverend Bodies for approval.

Agreement made and concluded this 11th day of May, 1899, between Conrad Clever, Calvin S. Gerhard and Rufus W. Miller, a committee of the Sunday-school Board of the Reformed Church, and James T. Reber, A. E. Truxal and W. Rush Gillan, a committee of the Reformed Church Publication Board. In order to adjust the differences existing between the two Boards, it is hereby agreed that from and after the 1st day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, each Board shall employ its own manager. The Sunday-school Board to pay the whole of the salary of the bookkeeper, being the position now occupied by Mr. Kulp. The bookkeeper to give two-thirds of his time to the work of the Sunday-school Board, and one-third to the work of the Publication Board. Each party to pay half the salary of the stenographer and clerk; that is the position now held by Miss Harris. Each party to pay half the salary of the errand boy; that is the position now occupied by Wm. Brown. The Sunday-school Board to pay two-thirds of the rent, and the Publication Board, the one-third. The business of renting rooms, employing additional help, or the employment of help to take the place of any joint help now employed, shall be committed to the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board and the editor of the "Messenger." In case of any question arising as to the publication or sale of any book or books, the matter to be determined by the editor of the "Messenger," and the Secretary of the Sunday-school Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hand and seal the day and the year above mentioned.

CONRAD CLEVER.	[Seal.]
CALVIN S. GERHARD.	[Seal.]
RUFUS W. MILLER.	[Seal.]
JAMES T. REBER.	[Seal.]
A. E. TRUXAL.	[Seal.]
W. RUSH GILLAN.	[Seal.]

At the last meeting of the Board, held September 22d, Rev. C. R. Ferner tendered his resignation as Business Manager, to take effect on the 31st day of October. In accepting his resignation, the Board placed on record "its hearty appreciation of the faithful services of Rev. C. R. Ferner during the time he was in its employ as Business Manager."

The terms of office of B. Wolf, Jr., and of Samuel Hoefflich expire December 31st, 1899. The Synods to which these brethren belong are expected to fill the approaching vacancies at their present session.

In conclusion we would yet say that in the judgment of your Board, your publication affairs have now reached a safe and solid basis, and we believe that by proper care and attention on the part of the management, and by the hearty co-operation on the part of the Synods, and especially of the pastors, the plant will enter upon a period of prosperity and success.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. TRUXAL,
Secretary.

JAMES T. REBER,
President.

Report of Committee on Publication.

The Committee on Publication presented its report, during the session of Monday forenoon, which was received, amended, and adopted, and as adopted is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to offer the following report:

The papers submitted to us were the Report of the Publication Board, the action of the Pittsburgh Synod touching the same, and an overture from a member of the Reformed Church praying for a reduction in the price of the "Reformed Church Messenger." We also had conferences with representatives of the Board of Publication, the Sunday-school Board, and the retiring Business Manager of the Publication Board.

From the Publication Board's report, we gather that a most gratifying measure of success has attended the Board's operations, though they are still hampered by the failure of many patrons, especially subscribers to the "Messenger" and "Review" to pay for the same, if not entirely at least promptly. We suggest the following action:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod heartily rejoices in the present prosperity of our publication affairs, which, in the judgment of the Board, have now reached a safe and solid basis.

2. *Resolved*, That we deplore the fact that such considerable sums are still due on subscriptions to the "Messenger" and the "Review," notwithstanding the efforts put forth for their collection, and would earnestly urge all those indebted on these and other accounts, to a speedy settlement, and prompt payments hereafter; and that the attention of the Classes and pastors be called to this matter.

3. *Resolved*, That pastors, consistories and people be urged to patronize their own periodical and book departments, and to pay their bills promptly, and that special efforts be made for

the wider circulation of the "Messenger," which is so worthy of their support in its present superior condition.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod recommends a reduction in the price of the "Messenger" as soon as circumstances warrant it, without a lowering of the character and grade of the paper.

5. *Resolved*, That we do not approve of the agreement between the Publication Board and the Sunday-school Board, in which the renting of rooms, the employment of help, etc., is committed to the editor of the "Messenger," instead of to the Business Manager of the Boards, where it properly belongs.

6. *Resolved*, That this Synod records its appreciation of the faithful and efficient work of Rev. C. J. Musser, in his arduous duties of editing the "Reformed Church Messenger"; and in this time of his affliction expresses the earnest hope and prayer for his speedy recovery.

7. *Resolved*, That the Synod recognizes the efficient work of the Board of Publication, and hereby records its hearty appreciation of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have three thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday afternoon, Rev. Calvin S. Slagle was elected a member of the Reformed Church Publication Board, for the term of four years.

Members of the Publication Board and terms of service: Rev. C. S. Slagle, for four years; W. Rush Gillan, Esq., for three years.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Saturday forenoon, the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations was ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. At the time designated, the election was held, Revs. G. A. Whitmore, G. Stibitz, E. O. Keen and F. S. Lindaman acting as tellers, who collected the ballots, counted the votes, and furnished the President with the result of the election. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of the Synod on the reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Wo-

man's College, Catawba College, Missions, Trustees of Synod, and Publication.

Report of the Committee on Orphan Homes.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Orphan Homes offers the following report :

There were referred to it the 36th Annual Report of the Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., and the Annual Report of St. Paul's Orphans' Home, Butler, Pa.

From these reports and the addresses made to this Synod by the representatives of the same, we are pleased to learn that these Homes in the past year have shared in the divine favor and have enjoyed not only the sympathy and support of the congregations and Sunday-schools of the Church, but also the generous gifts of individual members by donation and bequest. From these reports, the following facts are drawn :

In the Bethany Home, there are 118 children, of which number 15 are from this Synod. All are poor and dependent upon the charity of the Church. That the indebtedness of the Home is something over \$2,000, and that to meet this indebtedness, carry forward the work, and properly care for the fatherless children, there will be needed during the year at least \$8,000.

In the St. Paul's Home, there are 76 children, 13 of which are from this Synod. The annual cost in the Home of keeping a child is about \$100. The receipts from the churches and Sunday-schools of this Synod were \$834.76; that the indebtedness of the Home has increased during the past year, owing to the insufficiency of income, and is now over \$11,000, and is a heavy burden and causes anxiety; and further that the permanent endowment is \$7,500.

In view of the above facts, your Committee most heartily recommends the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That these Homes be commended anew through the pastors to the churches and Sunday-schools within the bounds of this Synod, and that they be earnestly requested to devote their Christmas offerings to the relief of God's orphan poor.

Resolved, That, if possible, these offerings be so increased that not only the growing needs of these Homes may be more fully met, but that the duty of this Synod to care for her children in these Homes be fully discharged.

Resolved, That this Synod hereby gives expression to its heartfelt gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the

many and rich blessings resting upon these Homes, as is manifest in their continued and growing usefulness and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Chairman*.

Revs. T. S. Land, in behalf of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and T. M. Yundt, in behalf of Bethany Orphan Home, both set forth in forcible addresses before the Synod the cause in general, and the specific condition, needs and claims of those Homes respectively.

Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, in accordance with the request of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: As Treasurer of "The Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States," we present the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the same within your bounds for the year closing September 30, 1899:

RECEIPTS.	
Maryland Classis.....	\$148 52
Gettysburg Classis.....	130 00
Virginia Classis.....	130 00
Carlisle Classis.....	56 93
Zion's Classis.....	49 73
Mercersburg Classis.....	41 28
Juniata Classis.....	23 85
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	\$580 31
EXPENDITURES.	
Paid to ten annuitants.....	\$550 00

We call attention also to the needs of "The Daniel Stine Memorial Home," located at Myerstown, Pa. It is a home for aged ministers, their wives and the widows of ministers, and is under the control of the Society for Relief. It has one minister residing in it. It appeals for help to carry it forward and maintain it successfully.

With the prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in your deliberations, I am,

Yours fraternally,

SIMON S. MILLER, *Treasurer*.

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, present the following statement of the financial operations for the year closing September 30th, 1899, for publication in the Minutes of your reverend body, to wit:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury, as per last report.....	\$3,826 17
From royalty on Hymnal.....	2,583 00
From loans paid.....	5,000 00
From collections in the churches.....	1,565 49
From Pittsburgh Synod, special.....	500 00
From Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	640 46
From individual gifts.....	259 00
From interest on investment.....	1,952 31
Total.....	\$16,326 43

EXPENDITURES.

For new investment.....	\$7,583 00
For 53 annuitants.....	3,275 00
For Daniel Stine Memorial Home.....	1,487 47
For expenses, salary, postage, printing, etc.....	506 35
Cash in treasury, September 30, 1899.....	3,474 01
Total.....	\$16,326 43
Invested fund.....	\$41,433 00

The following ministers have been made members during the year:

Life Members.—Revs. Marsby J. Roth, Wm. Braun, Chas. B. Weaver, David Scheirer, Gustavus A. Schwedes, J. Stucki, Solomon A. Alt, Miles O. Noll, Jas. I. Good, D.D., Albert B. Bauman, Jno. M. Souder, Daniel E. Schoedler, Wm. C. B. Shulenberger, Samuel H. Dietzel, David E. Kiopp, D.D., Simon P. Harrington, Daniel G. Hetrick, J. Calvin Leinbach, John Vogt, D.D., Irwin M. Beaver, Albert H. Hibschan, Franklin A. Guth, Frederick C. Seitz, Jonathan H. Pannebecker, D.D., Franklin Wetzell, John A. Peters, D.D., Joseph P. Bachman, and Francis M. Line.

Annual Members.—Revs. Bechtold, Ruf, John P. Stein, D.D., and Elias E. Gruenstein.

The officers of the Society, as required by the charter, are:

Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, D.D., President, Bedford, Pa.

Rev. J. D. Miller, Vice-President, Duncannon, Pa.

Rev. T. Frank Hoffmeir, Secretary, Mt. Pleasant, Md.

Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer, Myerstown, Pa.

The foregoing statement was referred for consideration to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, J. B. Shontz, and Elder J. A. Diehl. This Committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Report of Special Committee.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and

their Widows, together with a general statement of the work of the Society during the past year, as also a statement bearing upon the present status of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home, respectfully submit the following :

It gives us pleasure to report that the Society continues in its good work with a marked degree of success. The deserving cause which the Society has espoused, has met with a kindly response on the part of the membership throughout the Church. That the work of the Society may still further its noble charity, our membership learning more fully the workings of the Society, we recommend that the Report of the Treasurer and the general statement of the Society be embodied with the proceedings of this Synod.

We commend anew the Society and its claims to the hearty sympathy and the willing and ready support of the several Classes of the Synod, and to the pastors and membership of the Church generally.

In the matter of the Stine Memorial Home, as this Synod has no control in the management and ownership of the Home, it being in the sole control of the Society itself, yet if it be within the province of your Committee and of this Synod to express an opinion in regard to the necessity of such a Home, we would respectfully suggest that such necessity is at least questionable. In view of the fact, after the test made through a course of several years, that there is but one claimant so far for the privileges of the Home, and the heavy burden of expense involved in keeping the Home open, your Committee is of the opinion that it would be the part of wisdom on the part of the Society to place the matter before the kind donor of the Home, with the wish expressed that she should so reconsider her noble gift in the matter of its use, as to relieve the Society from the heavy burden imposed upon it.

We recommend further that all our pastors be urged to secure a generous offering from all their several congregations during the Synodical year, in behalf of the work of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman.*

Report on Item Nine of Overtures.

Item 9 of the Report on Overtures, was referred to a Special Committee for consideration, composed of Revs. F. F. Bahner, J. F. Moyer, and Elder M. Bechhoefer. This Committee later on presented the following report, which was received and adopted, namely :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee, to whom was referred item 9 in the Report of the Committee on Overtures, begs leave to report as follows :

Said item is entitled, "The Heidelberg Catechism, with Questions," by Rev. Aaron Spangler, A.M. The book contains the full, standard text of the Catechism in clear type. Following each question and answer of the Catechism, is a series of plain questions upon them, well calculated to bring out their leading truths, as taught in the Scriptural proof-texts, which are indicated in their proper places. In the judgment of your Committee, this Catechism is especially well adapted for use by parents and Sunday-school teachers, and may be helpful, also, to pastors and elders in imparting instructions to the young in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion. The book contains, also, the Litany, and prayers and hymns for use in connection with catechetical instructions. We deem this book worthy of the approval and recommendation of this Synod. Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman.*

Report of Committee on Address of Rev. Zacharias.

At the session of Monday forenoon, Rev. George M. de Fere Zacharias, who had returned from Europe a few days previous, addressed the Synod at considerable length on his kind reception and labors in Holland in examining the records and making copies of documents bearing on the early history of the Reformed Church in this country. On motion, the address of Mr. Zacharias was referred for consideration to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. E. R. Eschbach, J. S. Kieffer, and Elder A. R. Brodbeck. This Committee offered the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the Rev. Geo. M. de Fere Zacharias, respectfully reports as follows :

Resolved, That we heartily welcome Rev. Zacharias, and congratulate him on his safe return, in health, into our midst.

Resolved, That this Synod has heard with satisfaction, of his cordial reception in Holland and elsewhere in Europe ; of the facilities that were accorded him in his researches after data bearing upon our early Church History ; and of the success of his efforts in securing transcripts of valuable original documents, letters, and other matter of value and interest to the Church.

Resolved, That inasmuch as these transcripts, letters, etc., are to be permanently deposited in the Library of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the use of the Church and as its property, this Synod hereby assumes the additional sum of \$100 of the debt incurred in securing these documents.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. ESCHBACH, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the consistory of the church in which the sessions of Synod were held, twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

On Thursday morning, a Reportorial Committee, consisting of Revs. S. M. Roeder, E. O. Keen and A. Bateman, was appointed to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press.

Shortly before final adjournment, the Committee reported that it had attended to the duty assigned, which was received and adopted.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, having measurably failed to prepare a suitable report, the Synod directed the Stated Clerk to prepare the requisite report, which is here given, after being adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely:

During the Synodical year just closed, thrice has death entered the ranks of the ministry of the Synod, and removed three of our fellow-servants, all well advanced in years.

REV. THOMAS LONG.

Thomas Long, the first to be taken, was a son of John and Susan Long, and was born in Davidson county, North Carolina, November 18th, 1818. He departed this life last Christmas, at the advanced age of 80 years, 1 month, and 7 days. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the North Carolina Classis, in 1862, and presumably was ordained to the work of the Holy Ministry soon thereafter, as he was about forty-four years of age when he began his public ministry. His education for the work was of a limited character. He commenced his labors during the Civil War, when communication between the North Carolina Classis and the Synod and Church North was cut off, and a supply of ministers could not be obtained from it. He became the pastor of the Upper Davidson charge, in 1862, and remained such for twenty-five years, serving the charge faithfully. This was his only charge. For the last five years of his life, he was a great sufferer, until death put an end to his sufferings. His body lies buried at Hebron.

REV. JESSE W. CECIL.

Mr. Cecil, also a native of North Carolina, was likewise born in Davidson county, September 9th, 1833, and died March 5th, 1899, at the age of 65 years, 5 months and 24 days. He was born of Methodist parentage, and was licensed to

preach by the Methodist Church. He joined the North Carolina Classis in 1862, and served as pastor of the Lower Davidson charge, the West Rowan charge, and Concord charge, besides supplying vacant congregations at different times and places. The last few years of his life were spent in retirement at Thomasville, residing there until the time of his death. He was buried at Piney Wood Cemetery.

REV. WILLIAM GOODRICH.

William Goodrich was born January 6th, 1826, at New Hagerstown, Ohio. His parents were George and Abigail Goodrich. When nineteen years of age, he came East with his brother-in-law, Rev. Henry Harbaugh, and taught school for a time near Lewisburg, Pa. In 1848, he came to Mercersburg and entered the Freshman Class of Marshall College. After taking a regular collegiate course, he graduated from that institution with the Class of 1851, in September of the year just named. Not long afterward he was examined and licensed to preach the Gospel by the Susquehanna Classis, and then dismissed to the Lebanon Classis. Early in 1852, he was ordained to the work of the Christian Ministry by said Classis, and engaged in missionary work at Columbia, Maytown, and Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa., serving this missionary field for a year or less. He received and accepted a call to the New Providence charge in the same county, where he labored two years. When the Lancaster Classis was organized, in November, 1852, he became a member of the newly-formed Classis. In 1854, a call from the Bloomsburg charge, in Columbia county, Pa., was extended to him, which he accepted, and here he served a large field for eleven and one-half years. In the autumn of 1865, he received a call to the pastorate of the Clear Spring charge, in Washington county, Maryland, which he accepted, and with his family moved to Clear Spring, November 25th, 1865. He remained the true and faithful pastor of the Clear Spring charge until his ministry closed, May 6, 1899, during the long period of over thirty-three years, at the age of 73 years and 4 months.

On September 14, 1852, he married Miss Caroline Elizabeth Straub, of Milton, Pa., who became a true and faithful helpmeet in his long, laborious, and successful ministry, and who, though an invalid for years, survived her husband.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Synod be tendered to the pastor and membership of St. Paul's Reformed

Church, of Baltimore, and other friends, who have so hospitably entertained the members of the Synod, during our present sessions.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished to Pastor Coblentz, to be read by him from his pulpit.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk return the thanks of the Synod to the General Passenger Agents of the Western Maryland Railroad and the Pennsylvania Railroad, for the favor of reduced rates of fare to the members attending the sessions of the Synod.

The Synod having completed the transaction of the business for which it had assembled, the Synodical roll was called, and no one was found absent without permission.

The journal of Monday's session was then read and approved, and the Minutes of Synod were ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely :

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the Reformed Church of Mercersburg, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 2d, A. D. 1900, at 7.30 o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday evening, October 30th, 1899, at 10.15 o'clock, with repetition of the Apostles' Creed, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology, and Apostolic Benediction.

GEORGE R. RESSER, *President*.

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

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WM. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk*.

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MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Communicants.		Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.						
		Commenced.	Discontinued.		Adult Baptisms.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.													
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Aaron Spangler.....	Trinity.....	7	565	431	233	42	4	29	1	14	4	\$163	61	\$1165	00	507 W. Market St., York, Pa.			
Aaron H. Leisz.....	Without charge.....	1	410	353	220	22	3	14	26	8	3	794	00	3044	00	Host, Berks Co., Pa.			
Francis C. Yost.....	Heidelberg, York.....	1	325	223	114	11	5	8	3	4	3	51	00	3737	00	411 W. Philadelphia St., York, Pa.			
George Stibitz, Ph.D.....	Zion's Reformed, York.....	4	940	859	670	93	6	26	14	9	46	15	00	4153	00	413 W. Philadelphia St., York, Pa.			
Oliver P. Scheithamer.....	Paradise.....	3	352	253	200	35	5	6	4	3	15	10	00	1400	00	Hellam, York Co., Pa.			
Gideon P. Fisher.....	Kreutz Creek.....	1	450	375	150	16	1	14	20	11	16	3	00	3389	09	Lehighton, Pa.			
Morgan A. Peters.....	Without charge.....	2	98	81	68	8	5	5	3	3	2	32	00	665	00	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.			
Henry H. Apple.....	Trinity, 1st Reformed, York.....	3	424	358	233	20	9	3	6	2	4	376	04	1835	00	Glen Rock, York Co., Pa.			
Charles P. Kehl.....	St. John's.....	1	266	220	250	15	2	11	14	3	8	255	63	330	00	Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa.			
Gerny Weber.....	Glen Rock.....	1	160	139	100	10	1	30	56	1	4	949	67	898	40	Park and Hartley Sts., York, Pa.			
Hiram J. Hilligass.....	Shrewsbury.....	1	283	185	142	16	5	6	3	2	14	5	00	575	00	Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.			
E. M. John Klein.....	Grace, York.....	2	41	39	24	8	9	9	3	1	3	25	00	47	00	Red Lion, York Co., Pa.			
H. Bruce Lytle.....	Memorial, York.....	1	35	25	25	2	4	3	1	1	1	13	10	55	00	Hellam, York Co., Pa.			
George W. Shellenberger.....	Dillsburg.....	2	35	25	25	2	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
E. Theodore Wright.....	Bethany.....	1	35	25	25	2	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A. Theodore Wright.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	1	35	25	25	2	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chas. P. Kehl, supply.....	Locust Grove Congregation.....	36	4786	4061	2604	324	30	295	159	61	30	139	61	\$7925	21	\$30425	51	15.	
Gideon P. Fisher, supply.....	15.....	Total, 15.																	

CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS		LOSERS.				CONTRIBUTIONS.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Communications.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Blasphemy of Names.	Deaths, Communi- cants.			Deaths, Uncom- muned.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Pur- poses.	Confessionals
Josh. W. Santee, D.D.	Without charge.	1	560	513	415	25	3	13	7	53	2	14	11	1	\$1923 00	\$4413 00	Mercersburg, Pa.
Edmund L. Staley, D.D.	Without charge.	2	290	190	38	6	1	11	10	10	10	6	2	1	1800 00	1500 00	1623 N. Calvert St., Balto., Md.
Charles H. Knight.	Evangelical Reformed.	1	520	405	220	19	3	18	11	10	10	6	2	1	638 00	2553 00	Fredrick.
J. Spangler Kieffer, D.D.	Clearspring.	1	817	488	380	29	7	1	1	1	1	6	5	2	2308 00	825 00	Hagerstown.
Joel T. Rooster, D.D.	First, Baltimore.	1	194	158	92	8	7	3	2	1	1	6	5	2	165 00	565 00	825 N. Calvert St., Balto.
T. Franklin Hoffmeier.	Mt. Pleasant.	1	347	286	65	4	6	11	9	5	7	2	1	1	1155 00	3000 00	Mt. Pleasant.
Conrad Clever, D.D.	Third, Baltimore.	3	416	227	284	32	2	16	4	5	5	2	5	1	214 90	770 00	516 W. Mulberry St., Balto.
Silas M. Hensch.	Utica.	3	416	227	284	32	2	16	4	5	5	2	5	1	214 90	770 00	Fredrick.
Jacob B. Korbhaer.	Without charge.	1	193	140	116	10	2	7	11	11	4	2	4	1	235 00	1024 00	175 Locock St., Allegheny, Pa.
Louis F. Zinkham.	Supt. Bayview Asylum.	3	239	219	107	14	4	14	6	6	4	2	4	1	217 00	1223 00	Bayview Asylum, Balto.
E. Ranson Dietrick, B.D.	Trinity.	1	141	136	70	3	4	3	3	6	3	6	1	1	168 00	1300 01	345 3d Ave., Woodberry.
Harton R. Carnahan.	Mt. Moriah.	1	241	136	70	3	4	3	3	6	3	6	1	1	168 00	1300 01	Keesdysville.
Calvin S. Slagle.	Westminster.	1	387	307	168	9	3	14	7	2	3	1	3	1	250 00	2002 08	Westminster.
Geo. A. Snyder.	Christ, Hagerstown.	2	231	216	250	31	28	13	10	15	10	12	9	1	248 00	4296 00	130 S. Patterson Park Ave., Balto.
Adam S. Weber.	Faith.	4	482	395	252	29	28	13	10	15	10	12	9	1	248 00	4296 00	Thurmont.
Geo. A. Whitmore.	Grace, Washington.	1	143	99	46	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	45 00	973 00	1405 16th. N. W., Washington, D. C.
A. Thomas G. Apple.	Jefferson.	2	222	192	130	11	1	3	2	3	1	3	1	1	240 00	800 00	Jefferson.
Harry F. Dittmar.	St. Stephen's.	1	97	75	63	10	4	8	2	6	1	1	1	1	81 00	532 00	Boonsboro.
Geo. W. Snyder.	Boonsboro.	2	121	81	78	3	4	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1060 00	833 00	304 E. 23d St., Balto.
Charles W. Levan.	Carroll.	3	277	221	90	13	2	4	6	6	1	1	1	1	125 00	580 00	Westminster.
Hiram J. Macalister.	Manor.	3	277	221	90	13	2	4	6	6	1	1	1	1	125 00	580 00	Adamstown.
William I. Stewart, B.D.	Christ, Baltimore.	1	191	141	110	12	1	15	16	5	4	3	1	1	148 00	5150 00	217 Druid Hill Ave., Balto.
Isaac M. Motter.	Without charge.	1	457	377	403	33	4	25	22	2	20	10	15	1	632 00	2674 00	Fredrick.
Lloyd E. Cobbe.	St. Paul's, Baltimore.	3	553	408	237	19	3	25	22	2	20	10	15	1	632 00	2674 00	304 N. Carey St., Balto.
Samuel M. Roeder.	Manchester.	1	457	377	403	33	4	25	22	2	20	10	15	1	632 00	2674 00	Manchester.
William C. Sykes.	Burkittsville.	2	168	138	60	10	1	11	2	2	8	5	2	1	222 00	1485 00	Burkittsville.
Alexander Bateman, Ph.D.	Taneytown.	2	331	248	175	13	1	23	7	1	8	7	7	1	100 00	650 00	Taneytown.
K. Otis Spessard, Ph.D.	Union Bridge.	3	258	219	115	8	1	6	2	10	7	7	7	1	238 00	830 00	Taneytown.
J. Stewart Hartman.	Silver Run.	1	535	415	237	15	19	4	10	10	10	8	2	2	121 00	725 00	Union Bridge.
Simon S. Miller.	Supt. Daniel Shine Home.	1	535	415	237	15	19	4	10	10	10	8	2	2	400 00	800 00	Silver Run.
Christopher Nees.	Foreign Missionary.	1	135	100	97	19	15	14	15	14	15	14	15	14	85 00	385 00	Meyertown, Pa.
Fred W. Bald.	Without charge.	1	159	135	65	8	1	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	71 00	599 00	Sandal, Japan.
Geo. M. de F. Zacharias.	Church of the Incarnation.	3	116	93	55	8	1	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	80 00	385 00	110 W. Ostend St., Balto.
Wm. C. Shulenberger.	Shabbville.	1	159	135	65	8	1	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	71 00	599 00	Baltimore.
Cyrus Cort D.D.	Manchester.	2	116	93	55	8	1	10	3	3	3	3	3	3	71 00	599 00	Emmitsburg.
Samuel H. Dietzel.	Caretown.	3	241	235	271	7	2	5	6	6	6	5	5	2	48 00	123 00	Sabillasville.
John W. Pontius.	Middletown.	1	493	395	225	10	12	6	4	1	1	4	1	1	177 00	825 00	Caretown.
Edgar L. McLean.	Grace, Fredrick.	1	131	113	150	8	12	56	6	4	1	1	1	1	893 00	1073 00	Middletown.
David L. Wall.	Glade.	2	218	160	126	3	9	5	8	8	8	8	8	8	128 00	967 00	Fredrick.
St. Mary's, Rocky Hill.	St. Mary's, Rocky Hill.	1	218	160	126	3	9	5	8	8	8	8	8	8	128 00	967 00	Glade.
T. F. Motter, supply.	St. Peter.	1	24	10	14	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1 00	14 00	St. Peter.
Elmer L. Cobbe.	St. Paul's, Ridgely.	1	134	108	64	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	8 00	19 00	St. Paul's, Ridgely.
Joseph H. Apple.	Idigely, Caroline Co., Md.	1	134	108	64	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	8 00	19 00	Ridgely, Caroline Co., Md.
Wm. E. Lampe.	Idigely, Caroline Co., Md.	1	134	108	64	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	8 00	19 00	Idigely, Caroline Co., Md.

CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.						ADDITIONS.		LOSSES.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Adult Baptisms.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Resurrections of Names.	Deaths, Communi- cants.	Deaths, Uncon- firmed.	Students for Ministry.		Beneficent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.	
William M. Deatrick, D.D.	Without charge.	1	48	58	3	4	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	\$65 00	\$175 00	Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa.	
Jacob Hassler, D.D.	Disabled.	2	385	330	125	15	7	13	4	35	7	8	1	535 79	2300 00	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William C. Gremer, D.D.	Supply for Middleburg.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Franklin F. Baker, D.D.	Waynesboro.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Geo. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without charge.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Greenville, Franklin Co., Pa.	
George B. Russell, D.D.	Without charge.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Zullinger, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Jonas B. Shonts.	2d Church, Chambersburg.	1	321	271	143	16	4	16	7	10	3	2	2	246 00	1480 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Irwinn M. Beaver.	Grindstonehill.	2	408	315	180	13	9	17	3	15	5	5	5	301 00	1229 00	Marion, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William C. Schaeffer, Ph.D.	1st Church, Chambersburg.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	688 00	1916 33	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Henry N. Baseler.	St. Thomas.	4	320	257	110	11	7	6	4	11	4	2	1	128 00	1801 75	St. Thomas, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Isaac N. Feiglel.	Greencastle.	1	329	280	275	6	2	7	20	2	10	3	2	340 00	3500 00	Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Albert H. Hibbman.	Shippensburg.	1	317	253	98	1	1	2	9	4	5	3	1	514 00	1740 00	Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.	
Charles A. Santee.	Mercersburg.	2	299	245	115	6	9	2	2	1	4	1	1	570 00	1060 00	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Charles M. Smith.	McConnellsburg.	3	151	125	77	8	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	71 95	448 00	McConnellsburg, Fulton Co., Pa.	
Edward O. Keen.	St. Paul's, Waynesboro.	2	241	195	106	7	1	5	2	3	1	1	1	375 00	1435 00	Waynesboro, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Christian Gumbert.	London.	3	241	184	120	10	4	7	3	7	1	2	1	123 00	679 00	Fort Loudon, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William C. Gremer, D.D.	Supply, Mont Alto.	1	53	45	20	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	70 00	126 00	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Jonas B. Shonts.	Supply, Fayetteville.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
Committee of Supply.	Quincy.	1	23	16	10	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	8 00	10 00	Quincy, Franklin Co., Pa.	
George R. Zacharias.	Disabled.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
William M. Irvine, Ph.D.	Lic. Pres. Mercersburg Col.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.	
12.		56	3546	2898	1618	98	40	102	76	65	71	42	28	7	\$3323 74	\$16300 00	

CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.					ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.				
		Communicants.		Unconfirmed.		Infant Baptisms.		Adult Baptisms.		Confirmed.		Dismissed.		Deaths, Unconfirmed.		Deaths, Communicants.		Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congressional Purposes.	
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Profl.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Resure of Names.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Deaths, Communicants.									
H. St. John Rinker.....	Superannuated.	1	381	330	220	8	3	13	6	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mauertown, W. Va.
Jac. A. Hoffhelms, D.D.	Martinsburg.....	1	12	10	10	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Martinsburg, W. Va.
John W. Rauch.....	Falling Waters.....	2	153	125	64	5	2	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Martinsburg, W. Va.
George G. Everhart.....	Shepherdstown.....	2	131	87	85	4	6	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
Josiah May.....	Without charge.....	2	131	87	85	4	6	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Bayard, Va.
James B. Stonelifer.....	Winchester.....	2	131	87	85	4	6	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Winchester, Va.
Samuel A. Hittner.....	Without charge.....	2	216	194	76	10	1	5	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edinburg, Va.
Albert B. Bauman.....	Harrisville.....	2	222	200	150	3	4	9	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edinburg, Va.
Nehemiah H. Skyles.....	Woodstock.....	3	202	169	95	8	1	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Tom's Brook, Va.
J. Philip Harner.....	Timberville.....	4	186	155	142	11	5	23	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Woodstock, Va.
Henry Ditzler.....	Mill Creek.....	4	411	329	103	9	7	1	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Timberville, Va.
A. D. Wolfner.....	Rockingham.....	3	196	180	65	7	15	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Jackson, Va.
J. Siler Garrison.....	Edinburg.....	1	112	95	73	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Crawford, Va.
Levie T. Lampe.....	Lovettsville.....	2	191	149	65	7	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Edinburg, Va.
Edw. R. and Jones.....	Middlebrook.....	2	191	149	65	7	8	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lovettsville, Va.
Ellis S. Hay.....	St. Paul's.....	1	21	20	20	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Middlebrook, Va.
Lewis T. Lampe, Supply.....	Christ's, Wiehle.....	1	11	7	5	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Roanoke, Va.
Vacant.....	Harrisburg.....	1	19	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Roanoke, Va.
Henry W. Winstler.....	Mt. Crawford.....	2	121	70	75	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Lovettsville, Va.
		32	2635	2120	1262	81	41	107	60	35	11	49	91	1	2268	00	18071	05		Mt. Crawford, Va.	

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.					ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Communi- cants.	Deaths, Uncom- municants.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Pur- poses.	Congregational Purposes.			
John Ingle.....	Without charge.....															Green Park, N. C.		
Jacob C. Clapp, D.D.....	Pres. Catawba College.....															Newton, N. C.		
Peter M. Trexler, D.D.....	Prof. in Catawba College.....															Newton, N. C.		
Michael L. Hedrick.....	Without charge.....															Silver Hill, N. C.		
John A. Foll, Ph.D.....	Prof. in Catawba College.....															Newton, N. C.		
Paul Barringer.....	New Gilead.....	2	243	203	141	14	16	11	4		5		1	\$132 00	\$300 00	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.		
Joseph L. Murphy.....	Hickory.....	3	256	197	102	7	8	1	2	23	4	3		147 00	1188 00	Hickory, N. C.		
Jacob C. Leonard, B.D.....	Prof. in Catawba College.....	4	177	170	186	14	15	8		8	3	1	1	135 00	270 00	Crescent, N. C.		
J. M. Luther Lyerly.....	Central Rowan.....	3	98	51	37	2	1	6						66 00	108 00	Newton, N. C.		
James D. Andrew.....	Burlington.....	3	98	51	37	2	1	6						135 00	270 00	Crescent, N. C.		
Julius H. Shuford.....	Without charge.....	4	458	315	199	14	4	8	3	3	1	9	2	253 00	466 00	Hickory, N. C.		
Harvey M. Holsouser.....	Upper Davidson.....	2	238	233	223	16	16	2	10	1	2	4		273 00	505 00	Lexington, N. C.		
Wm. H. McNairy.....	East Rowan.....	2	196	185	145	17	1	6	1		5	2	1	53 00	380 00	Rockwell, N. C.		
B. Frank Davis.....	Without charge.....	4	323	290	141	8	6	19	10	9	3	1	1	322 00	552 00	China Grove, N. C.		
Anthony Shulenberger.....	West Rowan.....	5	363	261	138	11	5	13	8	1	3	4	1	56 00	263 00	Newton, N. C.		
Clarence Clapp.....	Without charge.....	4	363	261	138	11	5	13	8	1	3	4	1	56 00	263 00	Malden, N. C.		
Theodore C. Henson.....	Lincoln.....	6	363	261	138	11	5	13	8	1	3	4	1	56 00	263 00	McKee, N. C.		
Lewis M. Kerschner.....	Lower Davidson.....	4	150	102	60	10								48 00	270 00	Conover, N. C.		
Charles H. Riedesel.....	Catawba.....	1	148	137	60	4	1	5	3	6	1	1		153 00	689 00	Newton, N. C.		
Wm. A. Long, Ph.D.....	Newton.....	1	63	47	30	4	2	6	4	2	1			33 00	334 00	Concord, N. C.		
Vacant.....	Concord.....	2	303	255	123	1		1	2	45	2	1		110 00	106 00	Danville, N. C.		
Geo. A. Stauffer.....	Guilford.....	3	151	140	48		2	2	2		1		2	45 00	101 00	China Grove, N. C.		
Henry E. Seehler, Lic.....	Without charge.....	2	151	140	48		2	2	2		1		2	45 00	101 00	Thomasville, N. C.		
Jacob N. Faust.....	Thomasville.....	1	11	11			2							5 00	35 00	Lenoir, N. C.		
Vacant.....	Lenoir Mission.....	1	24	12	34	3								13 00	45 00	Blowing Rock, N. C.		
Vacant.....	Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1	13	7	8	3										Salisbury, N. C.		
Vacant.....	Salisbury.....	1	13	7	8	3										Salisbury, N. C.		
23.		43	3214	2704	1691	128	129	117	62	46	1	94	41	18	9	\$1873 00	\$5710 00	

CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	MEMBERS.						ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.
		Congregations.	Communicants.	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Deaths, Names.	Deaths, Uncommunicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
William K. Zieber, D.D.	Without charge.	1	294	280	290	11	1	10	8	2	...	6	...	1	1	\$315 00	\$2000 00	Hanover, Pa.
John C. Bowman, D.D.	Prof. in Sem., Lan., Pa.	1	479	465	486	47	2	40	7	5	...	20	10	1	1	\$315 00	\$2000 00	444 W. James St., Lancaster, Pa.
Thomas J. Barkley, D.D.	Gettysburg.	4	739	645	486	47	2	40	7	5	...	20	10	1	1	\$315 00	\$2000 00	Gettysburg, Pa.
John H. Hartman.	Lisachy's.	2	790	700	587	63	1	42	4	10	2	10	16	1	1	450 00	1200 00	Hanover, Pa.
Franklin A. Guth.	Jefferson.	3	735	675	476	41	2	33	9	5	...	17	10	2	2	\$324 00	1300 00	Codorus, Pa.
Walter E. Krebs, D.D.	Without charge.	3	735	675	476	41	2	33	9	5	...	17	10	2	2	\$324 00	1300 00	Littlestown, Pa.
Francis S. Lindaman.	Christ Church.	1	480	360	137	14	1	21	6	9	...	7	1	1	1	1238 00	1850 00	Littlestown, Pa.
George B. Resser.	Emmanuel.	2	239	200	38	21	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	92 00	400 00	Hanover, Pa.
Edward D. Stem.	Without charge.	3	362	274	200	12	10	9	1	3	8	...	...	...	...	185 00	7124 00	Siegried, Pa.
J. Marion Mickle.	West Manheim.	3	362	274	200	12	10	9	1	3	8	...	...	...	...	185 00	7124 00	Hanover, Pa.
John F. Mackley, M.D.	Without charge.	3	362	274	200	12	10	9	1	3	8	...	...	...	...	185 00	7124 00	McKnightstown, Pa.
William D. Leffer.	Cashown.	3	571	530	450	30	6	14	6	10	9	5	...	...	...	319 00	1323 00	Fairfield, Pa.
Peter E. Helmer.	Without charge.	3	485	380	293	18	2	17	9	7	...	8	...	...	...	346 00	800 00	Littlestown, Pa.
Milton M. Neacher.	New Oxford.	3	485	380	293	18	2	17	9	7	...	8	...	...	...	346 00	800 00	New Oxford, Pa.
Marby J. Roth.	Arendtville.	3	532	435	365	33	25	37	2	5	4	11	3	...	...	273 00	2005 00	Arendtville, Pa.
Paul M. Spahr.	Trinity.	4	383	286	135	24	14	27	7	8	...	11	...	...	...	80 00	600 00	Hanover, Pa.
Wharton A. Kille.	East Berlin.	1	309	300	150	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	240 00	750 00	East Berlin, Pa.
Frederick C. Sells.	Prof. in Ursinus College.	1	100	80	40	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35 00	175 00	Collegedale, Pa.
T. J. Bartley, Supply.	Littlestown.	1	100	80	40	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35 00	175 00	Littlestown, Pa.
18.	St. Mark's Congregation.	129	6900	6106	3708	1213	29	241	95	63	20	107	64	9	9	\$4846 00	\$13278 00	Gettysburg, Pa.

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F. A. Rupley, D.D.	Without charge.	3	298	231	158	13	2	5	5	3	8	6	4	1	\$176 00	\$988 00	Martinsburg, Pa.
S. Charles Slover.	Dunning's Creek.	1	498	407	186	23	4	15	20	14	5	3	5	2	1098 00	893 00	Cassia, Pa.
John F. Moyer.	Christ's Church.	4	412	370	584	23	4	10	2	5	5	161	3	2	492 00	1141 00	Altoona, Pa.
S. U. Waugsman.	Greenfield.	3	224	208	260	25	1	5	7	4	5	13	2	1	155 00	441 00	Claysburg, Pa.
Daniel G. Herrick.	Schellsburg.	4	228	217	159	23	13	22	11	10	7	9	4	1	257 00	1015 00	Loysburg, Pa.
E. W. Stoneraker.	Yellow Creek.	3	383	218	252	18	1	17	2	15	7	9	4	1	215 00	810 00	Mann's Choice, Pa.
Homor S. May.	Stuphur Springs.	1	382	230	200	26	1	11	16	10	12	4	2	1	415 00	2360 00	Altoona, Pa.
Lewis Robb.	Trinity Church.	3	130	113	45	3	3	6	4	0	2	2	0	0	57 00	600 00	Clearville, Pa.
Vacant.	Clear Ridge.	3	432	370	171	12	0	21	12	16	0	5	9	2	881 00	1025 00	Alexandria, Pa.
F. A. Rupley, Jr.	Water Street.	3	348	333	160	6	2	8	9	2	0	6	4	1	236 00	6629 00	McConnellstown, Pa.
Charles H. Slinghoff.	McConnellstown.	1	297	235	95	11	3	9	4	5	0	6	4	1	450 00	9043 00	Huntingdon, Pa.
Charles E. Crests.	Huntingdon.	1	152	127	60	1	1	7	7	1	0	3	1	0	200 00	1090 00	Bedford, Pa.
I. W. Hendricks.	Bedford.	3	367	288	182	9	1	11	12	4	0	14	7	1	436 00	666 00	St. Clairsville, Pa.
Thomas K. Cromer.	St. Clairsville.	2	349	300	116	4	11	13	4	7	0	14	3	0	236 00	843 00	Martinsburg, Pa.
Edward M. Beck.	Hickory Bottom.	2	132	129	97	6	0	3	6	0	0	1	1	0	247 00	1011 00	Everett, Pa.
Calvin B. Heller.	Everett.	1	96	89	76	12	2	14	23	0	0	1	0	0	46 00	1790 00	Altoona, Pa.
Paul S. Leinbach.	Grace Mission.	2	307	204	134	10	1	5	12	5	0	2	1	4	235 00	875 00	Martinsburg, Pa.
Gustave R. Poetzer.	Martinsburg.	3	279	200	120	18	0	17	3	4	0	1	2	0	165 00	743 00	Kontzville, Pa.
Calvin F. Wehr.	Friend's Cove.	3	402	245	153	12	3	14	7	13	0	35	6	4	205 00	802 00	James Creek, Pa.
Henry H. Hartman.	Woodcock Valley.	3	70	45	42										20 00	268 00	Petersburg, Pa.
Ambrose C. Geary.	Without charge.	2	149	124	97	7	0	0	6	1	0	0	2	1	106 00	535 00	Orbisonia, Pa.
Arthur C. Thompson.	Orbisonia.	2	149	124	97	7	0	0	6	1	0	0	2	1	106 00	535 00	Saxton, Pa.
Lie. William A. McChellan.	Saxton.	52	5943	4976	3243	260	58	212	124	119	0	106	95	38	\$5227 00	\$3376 00	Spring Mills, Pa.
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, A. D. 1899.

Classes	Minist'rs.	Congregations.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			S. & STA- TISTICS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.						
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Zion's.....	15	36	4786	4061	2604	324	30	205	159	61	30	139	61	33	617	4941	1	\$ 7,925 21	\$ 30,429 13		
Maryland.....	43	64	9962	7920	5904	447	45	406	252	167	89	148	99	54	1307	8076	11	11,679 00	48,555 04		
Mercedburg.....	18	26	3546	2898	1618	98	40	102	76	65	71	43	26	22	246	2270	7	2,823 74	16,300 00		
Virginia.....	17	33	2635	2120	1263	81	41	107	80	26	11	49	9	1	238	2131	1	2,208 00	8,071 00		
North Carolina.....	23	43	3314	2704	1691	128	19	117	62	46	1	84	41	21	238	2131	9	1,873 00	6,710 00		
Gettysburg.....	19	29	5900	5106	3766	313	29	241	96	63	20	107	64	25	440	2779	9	4,846 00	12,270 00		
Carlisle.....	13	21	2506	2094	1299	68	27	80	59	72	54	33	19	16	380	2204	5	2,486 04	20,080 73		
Junilda.....	23	52	5943	4976	3263	260	56	213	164	119	106	96	39	46	694	4328	6	5,927 00	22,576 00		
Synod of Potomac (Total).....	8	170	304	35692	31867	21476	1720	229	1469	987	628	1	365	554	333	564	10883	18	940,777 01	3775,060 24	
Eastern Synod.....	12	306	631	97081	81131	50939	6188	428	4170	2511	1619	1922	1807	367	564	10883	79710	88	79,428 00	449,105 00	
Ohio Synod.....	6	133	231	24058	19389	5966	715	448	939	720	453	3	584	406	100	206	3448	21	22,949 00	116,223 00	
Synod of Pittsburgh.....	6	84	145	18600	16738	9799	911	110	697	761	342	5	471	257	117	130	1647	11831	12	21,677 46	101,860 39
Synod of the Northwest.....	11	160	222	21974	16077	14491	1689	34	1189	837	190	6	466	313	177	196	1498	13319	29	15,016 00	321,499 00
German Synod of the East.....	5	66	56	15186	11770	9925	1896	19	822	466	108	3	471	310	159	110	1677	13239	14	1,372 00	90,744 00
Central Synod.....	5	100	122	21398	16776	13502	1151	44	920	694	319	469	318	171	110	1677	13239	80	12,655 00	89,586 00	
Synod of the Interior.....	5	54	67	3281	2660	1346	143	66	140	146	77	143	45	18	60	744	3949	6	5,333 33	30,780 00	
Total 8 District Synods.....	57	1078	1678	240130	191357	126376	13290	1437	10246	7071	3741	16	4900	4107	17627	269	13065,507 80	\$1144,786 63			

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